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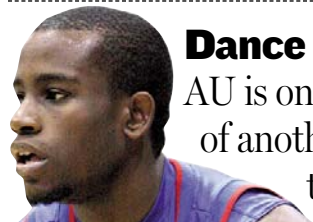
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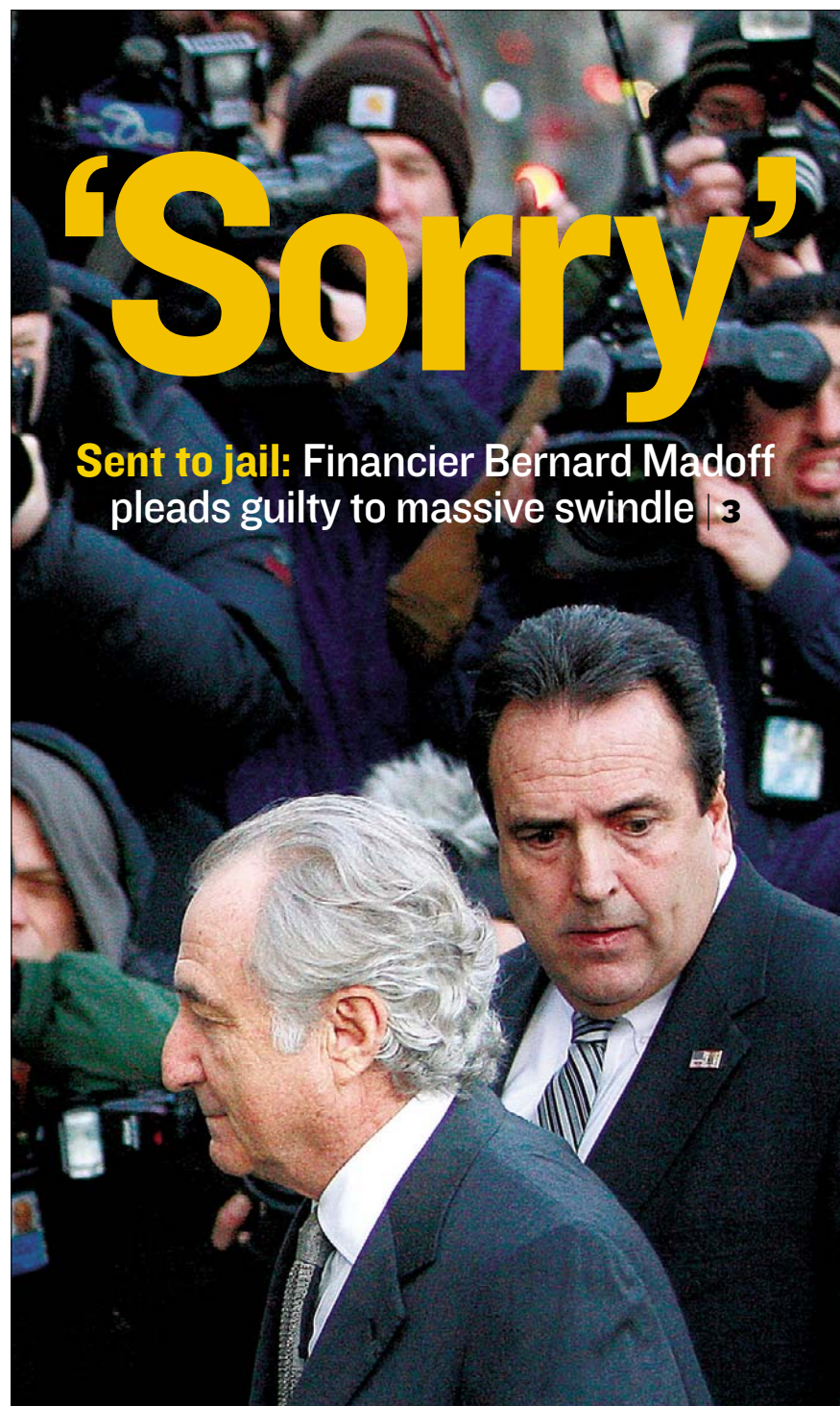
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Markets Sustain Rebound

Glimmers of hope prolong a rare rally on Wall Street

NEW YORK | Investors have been clamoring for months for a bit of good news. On Thursday, they got a load of it.

The Dow Jones industrials shot up 240 points, bringing its gains over the past three days to 622 points. It was the index's biggest three-day jump since November.

The rally got an extra dose of adrenaline after an accounting board told Congress Thursday it may recommend a let-up in financial reporting rules for troubled banks in three weeks.

Better-than-expected retail sales figures also helped stocks, as did positive news from four Dow companies: Bank of America Corp., General Electric Co., General Motors Corp. and Pfizer Inc.

Bank of America's CEO told reporters his bank was profitable in January and February. Citigroup Inc. triggered this week's rally Tuesday with similar remarks. Meanwhile, GE's credit rating was cut by less than expected, GM said it will not need a \$2 billion loan it previously requested from the government, and Pfizer reported a successful cancer drug trial.

No one is predicting the end to the selling on Wall Street, but it's been the most reassuring week in months for the stock market. (AP)

SNAPSHOT

Rally's impact:

→ **The Dow**

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Friends Prove Anything Can Be Used as a Weapon

Authorities in Port Richey, Fla., said a fight in a car over \$3 in gas money led to one passenger's hitting another with a fish tank and then a beer bottle. The sheriff's office reported that an 18-year-old driver and a 30-year-old passenger picked up their 26-year-old friend from a strip club on Monday night. When the driver asked for gas money, the man who had been picked up from the strip club refused to pay. A fight among the three friends quickly escalated, and authorities said the 26-year-old man grabbed a fish tank from the backseat and began hitting the passenger. The passenger then managed to wrestle a beer bottle away and break it over the 26-year-old's head. (AP)



ALTERNATIVES

Perhaps She Should Take Up Quilting

Police in Slidell, La., said a woman made two false calls to 911 from an out-of-service cell phone — and told investigators she did it because she was bored. They booked a 20-year-old woman on

Monday on charges of false report of a fire and false report of a crime. They also booked her on two outstanding warrants for violating probation. Police Chief Freddy Drennan said the two calls gave different addresses in the same area. Police answered the burglary call, and police and firefighters answered the fire call. (AP)



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APING

Monkey See, Do

It may be tough to tell, but what you're looking at is a screen grab released by Japan's Kyoto University Primate Research Institute this week. The shot shows Thailand's long-tailed macaque flossing her teeth in front of her baby in Lopburi, north of Bangkok. A professor at the Institute has found that the frequency of teeth cleaning doubled and became more elaborate when the infant monkeys were watching, suggesting that the females were teaching their young to floss. (EXPRESS)

PETS

'I Kept It for Laughs'

A Myrtle Beach, S.C., man has been cited for having a hyena in his backyard. The (Myrtle Beach) Sun News

reported Wednesday that the year-old hyena named Bubbles has been moved to Alligator Adventure in North Myrtle Beach. The animal's owner, 26-year-old Nicolas Petock, was cited for owning and displaying a wild or exotic

animal after police went to his home last Friday and saw the beast. It had been housed in a chain-link pen that had a dog house in the center. Petock told police he brought the hyena from Texas. (AP)

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RELISH RUSE: How do you make relish? That's the question police said thieves used to distract a woman in a Wal-Mart as they stole her purse. Now they're looking for the three suspects after hundreds of dollars in charges were made to the 79-year-old's credit cards for beer, cigarettes and gift cards.

Nation

Madoff Takes the Blame for Scheme

Investor sent to jail after pleading guilty to Wall Street swindle

NEW YORK | Careful to blame only himself, a "deeply sorry and ashamed" Bernard Madoff pleaded guilty Thursday to pulling off what could be the biggest, most spectacular swindle Wall Street has even seen, and was sent off to jail in handcuffs to the applause of his furious victims.

"I realized that my arrest and this day would inevitably come," Madoff said in a courtroom crammed with many of the investors he cheated out of billions of dollars.

The 70-year-old financier could get up to 150 years in prison at sentencing June 16 on 11 counts, including securities fraud and perjury. He could also be fined and ordered to pay restitution to his victims and forfeit any ill-gotten gains.

In a long, detailed statement delivered in a soft but steady voice, Madoff implicated no one but himself in the vast Ponzi scheme. He said he started it as a short-term



Bernard Madoff arrives at federal court in New York City on Thursday. He pleaded guilty to pulling off what could be the most spectacular Wall Street scheme in history.

way to weather the early 1990s recession and was unable to extricate himself as the years went by.

"I am actually grateful for this opportunity to publicly comment

about my crimes, for which I am deeply sorry and ashamed," Madoff said in his first public comments about his crimes since the \$65 billion scandal broke in early December.

MADOFF'S NEW RESIDENCE

The Metropolitan Correctional Center in Lower Manhattan has hosted terrorists and mobsters. Now it'll host a man used to living in a penthouse:

- At 7½ feet by 8 feet (with sink and toilet), it's the size of a walk-in closet, with cinder block walls, linoleum floors and a bunk bed.
- Lights go on at 6 a.m. and out at 11 p.m. He'll get three meals a day along with the chance to watch television, play ping-pong, study cases in a legal library or volunteer for janitorial duty.
- On alternate days, inmates can go on the caged roof. Many shoot hoops.
- It's unclear whether he'll have a roommate. Most inmates do.



"I realized that my arrest and this day would inevitably come."

BERNARD MADOFF

The scandal turned a well-respected investment professional — Madoff was once chairman of the Nasdaq exchange — into a symbol of Wall Street greed amid the economic meltdown.

U.S. District Judge Denny Chin promptly revoked the \$10 million bail that had allowed Madoff to remain free since he confessed to his sons three months ago.

The court appearance came as a disappointment to many of Madoff's investors, who hoped to hear him say who might have helped him pull off the scam and where the money went.

There was a smattering of applause after the judge announced Madoff would go directly to jail. But that did not lessen his victims' anger.

"So, he spends the rest of his life in jail — is that justice? People's lives are ruined," said Adriane Biondo of Los Angeles, one of five members of her family who lost money with Madoff. "He's sitting in jail? That's awesome," she said sarcastically. "Where's the money, Bernie?"

TOM HAYS AND LARRY NEUMEISTER (AP)

In Brief



The international space station had a scare when space junk flew near it.

WASHINGTON

Space Station Crew Has Close Call With Space Junk

The crew of the international space station had a close call with space junk Thursday. The three astronauts briefly took refuge inside a Russian escape capsule before returning to the space station. Officials were worried that the orbiting outpost might get hit with a small piece of space debris, which could cause a fatal loss of air pressure in the station. (AP)

HOUSTON

Texas Governor Rejects \$555M in Stimulus Money

Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Thursday rejected \$555 million in federal stimulus money that would expand state unemployment benefits, saying the money would have required the state to keep funding the expanded benefits after the stimulus money ran out. Perry did accept most of the roughly \$17 billion slated for Texas in the plan. (AP)



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Steele Says He's Pro-Life

GOP head clarifies his abortion stance after furor over interview

WASHINGTON | A day after a magazine quoted him as saying abortion was "an individual choice," GOP Chairman Michael Steele said Thursday he opposes abortion and that Roe v. Wade should be overturned.

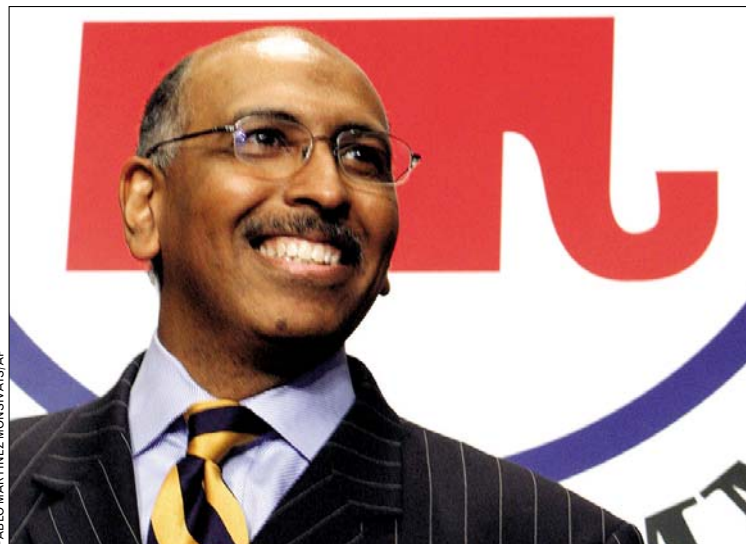
Steele, who was adopted, told GQ magazine that his mother had the option of getting an abortion or giving birth to him.

"The choice issue cuts two ways," Steele said in the wide-ranging interview published online Wednesday. "You can choose life, or you can choose abortion. You know, my mother chose life."

When asked whether he thought women had the right to choose abortion, Steele said: "Yeah. I mean, again, I think that's an individual choice."

On Thursday morning, Steele attempted to clarify his remarks in a statement.

"I am pro-life; always have been, always will be," he said. "I tried to



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

present why I am pro-life while recognizing that my mother had a 'choice' before deciding to put me up for adoption."

Both in the interview and in his statement, Steele said he believed Roe v. Wade was "wrongly decided."

He said the Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion should be overturned and the decision left to the states.

Steele, a Catholic and former Maryland lieutenant governor, was elected chairman of the National Republican Committee nearly six weeks ago. Since then, his off-the-cuff style and criticism of fellow Republicans have made him a figure of controversy within the national GOP, though state party leaders have said they support him.

ANN SANNER (AP)

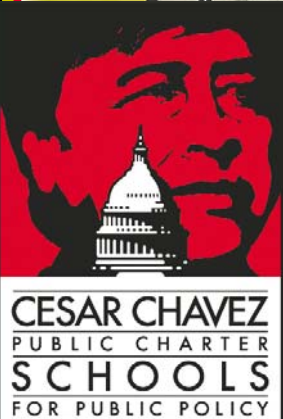
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Iraqi Court Convicts Shoe-Thrower

Journalist found guilty of assault, sentenced to 3 years in prison

BAGHDAD | A court convicted an Iraqi journalist of assault Thursday for hurling his shoes at former President George W. Bush and sentenced him to three years in prison, prompting an outburst from his family and calls for his release from Iraqis who consider him an icon for a nation decimated by war.

Muntadhar al-Zeidi, 30, defiantly shouted, "Long Live Iraq!" when the sentence was imposed,

according to defense lawyers.

Some of his relatives collapsed and had to be helped out of the courthouse. Others were forcibly removed by guards after shouting, "Down with Bush!"



al-Zeidi

"This judiciary is unjust," al-Zeidi's brother, Dargham, said tearfully.

Other family members shouted insults against Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who, like al-Zeidi, is a Shiite.



A relative of Muntadhar al-Zeidi's reacts to al-Zeidi's prison sentence Thursday.

Although al-Zeidi received the minimum sentence — it could have been 15 years behind bars — his lawyers denounced the verdict and said they would appeal, possibly hoping a public outcry would aid their cause.

Al-Zeidi's brazen act during a Dec. 14 press conference by Bush and al-Maliki in Baghdad's Green Zone turned the young reporter into a folk hero across the Arab world, where the former U.S. president is reviled for invading Iraq in 2003 and for other policies.

Many Iraqis interviewed after the verdict believed the sentence

62% OF IRAQIS SURVEYED

in an ABC News/BBC/NHK poll released Thursday say they consider Muntadhar al-Zeidi a hero.

24% OF IRAQIS SURVEYED

in the same poll say they consider al-Zeidi a criminal.

was too harsh and that al-Zeidi was a hero for standing up to the American president.

Supporters defended his act as a political statement in Arab culture, where throwing shoes at someone is considered an especially serious insult. HAMZA HENDAWI (AP)

Darfur Aid Workers Kidnapped

3 Westerners abducted near Arab militiamen's stronghold in north

KHARTOUM, SUDAN | Armed men stormed an aid agency compound in Darfur and kidnapped three Westerners, heightening fears that foreigners will be targeted in the backlash over the international arrest warrant for Sudan's president.

The three workers for the Belgian branch of Doctors Without Borders were kidnapped late Wednesday in a government-controlled area in northern Darfur, near a stronghold of government-allied Arab militiamen, officials said Thursday.

The Sudanese government condemned the attack and denied any involvement. Officials blamed the arrest warrant issued last week by the International Criminal Court for President Omar al-Bashir.

"Anything that goes wrong [since the warrant] onwards I personally attribute to the ICC decision," Foreign Ministry spokesman Ali Youssef said.

The kidnappers have demanded a ransom, according to a report by the Sudan Media Center, a government-linked news Web site. SARAH EL DEEB (AP)



Pakistani lawyers protest in Multan, Pakistan, on Thursday. Police used clubs to scatter hundreds of activists in Karachi.

Pakistani Police Impede Protesters

Opposition activists vow to press on; U.S. tries to mediate crisis

KARACHI, PAKISTAN | Club-swinging police blocked the way out of Pakistan's biggest city Thursday, scattering hundreds of demonstrators as the government sought to contain a protest movement that is emerging as a major challenge to its shaky one-year rule.

With anti-government activists vowing to press ahead, the

U.S. stepped up efforts to mediate a solution to the crisis, which threatens to undermine its goal of getting nuclear-armed Pakistan to do more in fighting al-Qaeda and Taliban militants along the border with Afghanistan.

State Department spokesman Robert Wood said U.S. envoys stressed to Pakistani leaders that Washington wants to see "that violence be avoided and that any impediments to peaceful and democratic activities not be put in place."

There were no signs of any break-

through to calm political squabbling that is looking a lot like the unrest that preceded the removal of former military ruler Pervez Musharraf last year.

Activist lawyers are demanding President Asif Ali Zardari fulfill a pledge to reinstate judges fired by Musharraf, a general who ousted opposition leader Nawaz Sharif as prime minister in a 1999 coup. But the protest movement heated up last month when the Supreme Court banned Sharif and his brother from elected office. ASHRAF KHAN (AP)

In Brief



Members of the media photograph the crime scene in Germany on Thursday.

WINNENDEN, GERMANY Police Doubt Whether Teen Shooter Left Internet Threat

German police said Thursday they doubt whether a chat room post attributed to a teenager who went on a shooting rampage is real. Police spokesman Klaus Hinderer said authorities are looking into whether the Internet postings were faked. The post appeared in a chat room about six hours before the shooter, Tim Kretschmer, went on a rampage Wednesday at his former high school and killed 15 people. (AP)

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA U.N.: North Korea Planning To Launch Satellite in April

North Korea told two U.N. agencies it plans to launch a communications satellite between April 4 and 8 — an unprecedented disclosure seen as trying to fend off international worries that the launch is really a test of long-range missile technology. (AP)

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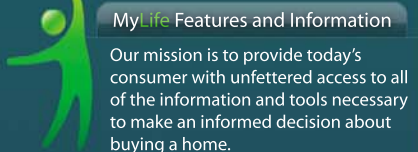
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16 Missing After Crash in Atlantic

Chopper ditches in sea near Newfoundland; 1 survivor is rescued

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND | Rescuers searched freezing waters for 16 people Thursday after a helicopter heading to an Atlantic oil platform reported mechanical problems and ditched in the sea off Newfoundland.

Of the 18 aboard, one was rescued and one body was recovered. The others were missing about 30 miles out to sea, officials at a news conference said.

Two life rafts were spotted in the water amid the helicopter debris, but rescuers later confirmed they were empty.

The survival window is about 24 hours — but only if the people



Rescuers in St. John's, Newfoundland, assist a person who survived a helicopter crash in the Atlantic Thursday. There were still 16 people missing after the accident.

were wearing the required survival suits with water-activated locator beacons, said Maj. Denis McGuire

of the Rescue Coordination Center in Halifax. The suits act like life vests and retain warmth in

frigid waters.

McGuire said searchers had picked up signals from the suits, but there was still no sign of the missing.

The condition of survivor Robert Decker, who was flown to a St. John's hospital, was listed as critical but stable.

Jeri Grychowski of the rescue coordination center said one body had been recovered.

The water temperature was right at freezing. Winds are fairly strong in the area, with 6- to 9-foot waves, Grychowski said.

"Intensive search operations continue to be under way for the other passengers," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in Parliament. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families who are anxiously awaiting word on their loved ones." (AP)

U.N. Chief Tries To Clarify Calling U.S. 'Deadbeat'

UNITED NATIONS | After drawing a rebuke from the White House, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon tried Thursday to smooth over his characterization of the U.S. as a "deadbeat" for its late payments to the world body.

"My point was simply that the United Nations needs the fullest support of its members and never more so than in these very demanding times," Ban said Thursday.

The White House objected to Ban's use of the word "deadbeat" to describe the U.S. during a private meeting Wednesday with lawmakers at the Capitol, a day after he met with President Obama in the Oval Office. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Ban's "word choice was unfortunate." (AP)



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The District Department of the Environment (DDOE) is proposing changes to the District's stormwater fee. The proposed changes would base the fee on impervious area (hard surface). This change in how the fee is calculated would result in increased fees for some customers and decreased fees for others, depending on the size and type of their property. DDOE is inviting the public to a hearing to present its views and comments on this proposed change. The public hearing will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, April 13, 2009, in the 6th floor conference room of the District Department of the Environment, at 51 N St., NE, Washington, D.C.

A person wishing to testify should provide his or her name, address, telephone number, and the organization he or she represents, if any, in writing to the attention of Dr. Hamid Karimi at the DDOE address above, or via email at hamid.karimi@dc.gov, by 4 P.M. on April 10, 2009. Written comments may also be submitted to the address or email above by April 13, 2009.

Local

D.C. Official Held in Sting

Obama aide on leave after FBI raids his old city government office

WASHINGTON | An aide to President Obama is on leave from his White House job after the FBI raided his old D.C. government office Thursday, arresting a city employee and a technology consultant on corruption charges, a White House official said.

The charges were lodged against the two men at a federal court hearing as the FBI finished searching the city's technology office, which was led until recently by Obama's new computer chief, Vivek Kundra.

Kundra is on leave from his

White House job until further details of the case become known, according to a White House official speaking on condition of anonymity because the official did not want to publicly discuss personnel matters.



Acar

At the court hearing, Yusuf Acar, the acting chief security officer in the city's technology office, was ordered held without bond pending a hearing Tuesday. Prosecutors said \$70,000 in cash was found during a search of Acar's Washington home and that he posed a serious flight risk.

Technology consultant Sushil Bansal of Dunn Loring, Va., was released but was ordered not to conduct overseas financial transactions or leave the Washington metropolitan area. Bansal is due back in court on April 21, and prosecutors said they were hopeful that a plea agreement could be reached in his case.

Acar worked under Kundra, Obama's pick to coordinate federal computer systems. Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs called the case "a serious matter."

Mafara Hobson, a spokeswoman for D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, said she was "very confident" Kundra is not a target of the investigation. (AP)

GAINESVILLE, VA. | CHICK-FIL-A GRAND OPENING



EARLY BIRD GETS THE GRUB: Nate Hatcher, in his pajamas, waits for a Chick-fil-A restaurant to open Thursday morning in Gainesville, Va. The first 100 people in line at the grand opening received vouchers for free food for a year.

Across Region, Job Loss on Rise

WASHINGTON | Hitting their highest levels in more than 10 years, unemployment rates in the Washington region went up again in January, according to figures released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The District's jobless rate rose to 9.3 percent in January, up from 8.2 percent in December, the highest level since the 1980s.

Virginia's January unemployment rate was 6 percent, up from 5 percent the previous month, the highest since 1992. Maryland's rate was up to 6.2 percent, from 5.4 percent, the highest since 1993.

According to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, D.C.'s increase put the city's unemployment rate on pace to top 10 percent late this year or early in 2010. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, March 12

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	8-0-6
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Mid-day DC 4	5-4-8-4
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	0-4-5-4
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	2-13-26-30-32
Daily 6 (Wed.)	3-13-18-20-21-24 Bonus: 27
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	5-14-18-26-34 (14)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	4-8-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-7-0
Mid-day Pick 4	4-5-0-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-3-4-0
Match 5 (Wed.)	5-10-12-21-28 Bonus: 2
Lotto (Wed.)	16-19-22-26-28-35

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	0-7-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-7-6
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	7-4-3-0

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-0-8-2
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	17-18-24-32-34
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Obama Defends Economic Overhaul

President confronts vocal critics of his blueprint for recovery

WASHINGTON | Confronting misgivings in his own party, President Obama mounted a stout defense of his blueprint to overhaul the national economy Thursday, arguing that delay on health care, energy and education would make "recovery more fragile and our future less secure."

The president's wide-ranging proposals in the midst of an economic crisis faced skepticism from both Democrats and Republicans, as sena-



President Obama addresses a group of top business executives on Thursday in D.C.

tors questioned his long-term budget outlook and the deficits it envisions in the middle of the next decade.

Sen. Kent Conrad, the chairman of the Budget Committee, called the track of future deficits "unsustainable" and singled out Obama's proposal for spending \$634 billion on health care over the next 10 years.

"Some of us have a real pause about the notion of putting substantially more money into the health care system when we've already got a bloated system," said Conrad, D-N.D.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, testifying before Conrad's

committee, reiterated the administration's goal to lay out a private-public partnership to make up to \$1 trillion in financing available to help banks clear their books of toxic, mortgage-related assets that have led to a national credit freeze.

The flurry of comments illustrated the complicated moving parts confronting Washington as the economy continues to decline. "I am not choosing to address these additional challenges just because I feel like it, or because I'm a glutton for punishment," Obama told the Business Roundtable, a group of top business executives. "I am doing so because they are fundamental to our economic growth and to ensuring that we don't have more crises like this in the future." (AP)

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Economy Shows Signs Of Newfound Hope

GM, Bank of America news offers a shot in the arm to Wall Street

WASHINGTON | Faint but welcome signs of optimism emerged Thursday from the most troubled corners of the U.S. economy — the banking system, the automakers and cash-desperate stores — and helped push the stock market to its best three-day run in four months.

General Motors, weathering the worst auto sales slump in a generation, said it had told the Obama administration that it would not

need a \$2 billion government loan for this month after all because its cost-cutting plan was taking hold.

Bank of America CEO Kenneth Lewis said he did not expect his company to need additional financial help from the government. While banks are under pressure, he said, they are not in "nearly as dire shape as some would have us believe."

And retail sales, excluding autos, fell just 0.1 percent in February, far less than analysts were expecting. The Commerce Department also revised January's figures to a gain of 1.8 percent, the best in three years. (AP)



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7 P.M. The Washington Capitals face off with the Carolina Hurricanes. CSN

9 P.M. The Big East tournament final. ESPN



Memphis coach John Calipari leads the Tigers in the C-USA tournament.

→ sunday

1 P.M. The ACC championship game. My20

4 P.M. A triple-header in the second round of the World Baseball Classic. ESPN2

6 P.M. The NCAA tournament selection show. CBS

6 P.M. The Wizards face the Kings in a key game in the Blake Griffin sweepstakes. CSN

Hungry for Seconds

American is one win away from a return trip to the Big Dance

AU HOOPS | American men's basketball coach Jeff Jones can't help but lay awake past his usual bedtime this time of year, with so much going on in the world of college basketball and teams punching their tickets to the NCAA Tournament every night.

"It's nerve-racking," said the coach as his team tries to secure its own NCAA tournament bid against Holy Cross in the Patriot League finals Friday night at Bender Arena. "It magnifies the importance, the emotion and the excitement of ... our game."



That hasn't stopped his players from enjoying the moment just a bit. With American on spring break this week, the team has made it a point to partake in a daily pancake breakfast at a local restaurant, since campus cafeterias are closed.

Senior Garrison Carr tabbed fellow senior Jordan Nichols (DeMatha) as the biggest eater of the bunch, even though they haven't had an official pancake-eating contest this week. "It's evident when those pancakes get to him, he's just overly excited," explained Carr, who admitted last year the team wasn't nearly as relaxed during the post-season.

With an all-senior starting lineup and seven elder statesmen returning from last year's Patriot League championship team, the Eagles are just as hungry for a



Derrick Mercer, the Patriot League's player of the year, shoots over Lafayette's Jeff Kari in the first round of the league tournament. AU hosts Holy Cross on Friday.

OUR LAST, BEST CHANCE TO DANCE

D.C.'s dull tourney chances For a basketball hotbed, D.C. sure doesn't look like one this year. At this rate, the area's local tournament may need to be renamed the BB&NIT — instead of its proper BB&T title. And just like the BB&T, Georgetown may not be part of the Big Dance's second fiddle after a first-round loss in the Big East tournament. George Mason and Maryland are unlikely for the NCAAAs but are almost assured NIT bids.

Great American hope But then there is American, which would be the District's lone representative, with a victory Friday. The Eagles will have a sell-out crowd at Bender Arena pushing them to end the region's slide. If not, D.C. may be shut out of the NCAA tourney for the first time since 1978.



Brian Gilmore and the Eagles may be D.C.'s only NCAA tournament team.

second-consecutive NCAA tournament bid, as many are aware their playing careers could end any day now.

American enters Friday's contest against Holy Cross having won 18 of its past 19 games — including its current 12-game winning streak, the second-longest active streak in the country.

Its lone loss came at Holy Cross back in January, although the Eagles got a measure of revenge on Feb. 21, defeating the Crusaders in the District, 56-50, after Carr exploded for 28 points.

After the title game, seniors Carr, Derrick Mercer and Brian Gilmore — the team's three leading scorers — will officially have appeared in the most games in American basketball history. But without another tournament appearance, they may be the ones suffering through some sleepless nights.

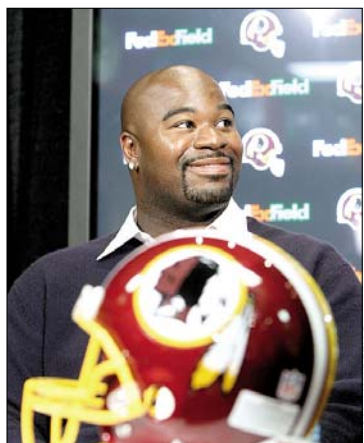
"As seniors, we want to better what we did last year," said Mercer, the Patriot League's player of the year. "Our careers wouldn't be complete without a win [Friday]."

MARK GIANNOTTO



HOOPS | Big shot An Ohio high school basketball player is so good at making long shots that his coach and teammates think LeBron James ought to take him on. Casey Weber of Dayton Christian High School sank a 90-footer during a game last week and

was taped by a television station a couple days later making an 80-foot swish in practice. On camera, Weber's team issued a challenge to James: "Hey, LeBron, anytime, anyplace!" The Dayton Christian players say if Weber scores the first full-court shot, James should buy the team its own burrito restaurant. (AP)



Redskin Albert Haynesworth faces two charges, including reckless driving.

Redskins' New Star Is Indicted

Haynesworth faces 2 traffic charges after car accident in Tenn.

REDSKINS | Washington Redskins defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth was indicted Thursday on two misdemeanor traffic charges stemming from a December accident in Tennessee in which another driver was seriously injured.

A Williamson County, Tenn., grand jury handed down the indictment on charges of reckless driving and having an expired registration. Reckless driving carries a maximum punishment of six months in jail and a \$500 fine, and Haynesworth could receive another 30 days in jail and \$50 fine for the other charge, according to the district attorney's office.

Haynesworth, a two-time all-pro performer with the Tennessee Titans who signed with the Redskins on Feb. 27, was released after surrendering Wednesday. Haynesworth, who plans to attend the start of Washington's offseason conditioning program Monday, is scheduled to be arraigned March 30. He does not have to appear in court.

Haynesworth was unavailable for comment, and his agent, Chad Speck, declined to comment. A phone message left for Haynesworth's attorney, Glenn Funk, was not immediately returned, and the Redskins did not comment.

JASON REID (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Caps' Smaller Stars Shine

Backstrom, Semin step up as team falters during recent cold spell

CAPITALS | Even as Washington has gone Caps crazy this season, much of the attention has been paid to one player — Alex Ovechkin. And rightfully so, since the Great Eight currently leads the NHL in

“A lot of people want to credit Alex, but I credit Nicky with a lot of Alex's success as well.”

BRUCE BOUDREAU, CAPS HEAD COACH

goals and is a good bet to repeat as league MVP.

But as the Capitals begin to emerge from their first extended slump of the season, it has been two other flashy first-round picks who have done their best “Ovie” impressions of late. While the Caps as a whole have been floundering of late, center Nicklas Backstrom and wing Alexander Semin have been flourishing.

Before Thursday night's match-up against Philadelphia, Semin had five multiple-point performances

in his last 13 games, racking up 18 points during a span of games that included goals in six-straight contests — a career-best for him.

After starting the season sizzling, Semin was slowed by a back injury right before the new year and only recently has resembled the player who was named the league's first star for the month of October. He has been one of the few to draw praise from coach Bruce Boudreau during the team's recent cold spell.

The only player hotter than Semin may be Backstrom. The talented Swede has scored points in 13 of his past 14 games, including the team's lone regulation goal in Tuesday's 2-1 overtime victory against Nashville. With 71 points this season, Backstrom has already surpassed his totals from a year ago, when he finished second in rookie of the year balloting behind Chicago's Patrick Kane.

He's done most of his work on the top line alongside Ovechkin, where he's had plenty of opportunities to add to his team-high 53 assists, something Carolina is well aware of as it prepares to face the Caps Saturday night at the Verizon Center.

“A lot of people want to credit Alex, but I credit Nicky with a lot of Alex's success as well,” Boudreau said. **MARK GIANNOTTO**



NICKLAS BACKSTROM | He has scored in 13 of his last 14 games, including the only regulation goal in Tuesday's overtime win against Nashville.

ALEXANDER SEMIN | After being slowed by a back injury earlier this season, he bounced back and earned praise from coach Bruce Boudreau.



Tiger Back Into Swing of Stroke Play

Woods to play no-cut CA Championship for his second tournament

GOLF | Fans began showing up at Doral on Tuesday morning when it was dark. Several hundred surrounded the first tee when Tiger Woods finally arrived for another practice round at dawn.

And then he was gone.

Unlike his short-lived return to competition two weeks ago at the Accenture Match Play Championship, where he was eliminated in the second round, this disappearing act lasted only a few seconds as he walked through a thick



Tiger Woods will be playing in his first stroke-play tournament since he won the U.S. Open in June 2008, a week before reconstructive surgery on his left knee.

strip of fog that stretched across the fairway.

Woods, who shot 1-under par Thursday, is assured of playing four rounds this week.

The CA Championship, which started Thursday on the Blue Monster with a world-class field of 80 players, will be his first stroke-play tournament since he won the U.S.

“I've only played two tournaments in what — 10 months? Not a whole lot of golf.”

TIGER WOODS, ON HIS RETURN

Open in June, a week before reconstructive surgery on his left knee.

There is no cut, which certainly helps. “I've only played two tournaments in what — 10 months? Not a whole lot of golf,” Woods said. “So, for me, I just need rounds under my belt, and this week will obviously be a very positive week for me — four rounds and no cuts, which is exactly what I need.” **DOUG FERGUSON (AP)**

UMd.: Confidence Women

Terps hope to be a top seed when the NCAA brackets are revealed

TERPS WOMEN'S HOOPS | It was an odd time to feel confident. Brenda Frese's Maryland Terrapins had just handed back a seven-point lead to Duke and the second-half clock hit zero with the game tied.

But she was undaunted. She's said it a million times. It was even the title of a book she wrote a few years back.

"Overtime is our time."

And it was. The Terrapins, led in the extra frame by five points from senior Marissa Coleman and four from senior Kristy Toliver, rebounded to beat No. 8 Duke and win the ACC tournament. A day earlier, they'd defeated No. 11 North Carolina.

On Monday, the No. 4 Terrapins will gather inside the Comcast Center and watch the NCAA tournament selection show. There will be only a slight sense of anxiousness as they watch the seedings pop up on the screen. Maryland is likely to get a No. 1 seed as the team sets off on a quest for the school's second national championship under Frese.

The Terrapins' credentials are impressive. They are 28-4. They won both the ACC regular-season and tournament titles. They



Marissa Coleman celebrates after Maryland beat Duke in the ACC tournament final on Sunday. The Terrapins are looking for a second NCAA title in four years.

MAKING THEIR MARK

"We got a little pregame talk from LaMont Jordan, our guy, and he said every time he went into New York, he would go to the 50-yard line and mark his territory, and so that's what we kind of were doing with Carolina."



Jordan

—KRISTY TOLIVER, MARYLAND SENIOR, ON MARKING THE COURT BEFORE THEIR ACC TOURNAMENT WINS OVER DUKE AND NORTH CAROLINA LAST WEEK BY SCUFFING THE ACC LOGO WITH THEIR SHOES — AN ACTION INSPIRED BY JORDAN, A DENVER BRONCO, TERPS ALUM AND BIG SUPPORTER OF THE LADY TERRAPINS.

haven't lost a game since January — 12 in a row.

Frese said she feels like her team will enter the tournament as one of the most confident and battle-tested teams in the nation.

"Absolutely," she said. "How can you not, especially down the stretch, the teams that we played and the close games?"

The Terrapins have never entered the NCAA tournament on such a streak. In 2006, when they won the national title, the Terps finished the season with an identical 28-4 record but entered the tournament coming off a loss to North Carolina in the ACC finals.

And last year, though they entered the tournament as a top seed, they were coming off a loss to Duke in the semifinals of the ACC tournament. Now, they have momentum and the knowledge that they've recently exorcised both of their ACC demons.

"It's huge for us to beat Duke and Carolina back-to-back," Toliver said. "To beat two teams of that caliber, in the state of North Carolina, is huge for us. We will take that confidence into the NCAA without a doubt." DEREK TURNER

Late game: The Umd. men's game vs. N.C. State ended after deadline. Results | washingtonpost.com/sports

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COLLEGE HOOPS | BY MATT SWENSON

Big East vs. ACC Debate Resolved

A FEW MONTHS back, we ruffled a few feathers by pronouncing the Big East as better than the ACC this year in college basketball.

Here we stand in March, and it's safe to say a few of our conclusions were wrong.

The Big East is most certainly not the best league ever, as it once promised to be. A separation emerged in late January. The dregs — sadly, Georgetown included — were exposed, and Pittsburgh, Connecticut and Louisville emerged as verifiable Final Four threats.

We argued North Carolina, Duke and Wake Forest were a comparable trio from the ACC. Wrong. Duke isn't tough enough, and Wake isn't experienced enough to reach Detroit

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later this month. North Carolina is probably the best of the elite group in either conference.

So, the Big East's best look to be better than the ACC's. That so-called second tier also favors the larger conference.

Villanova was a Sweet 16 team last year and returned its key players for what could be a longer run. Syracuse and West Virginia have potential for a Sweet 16 appearance, but Marquette's hopes have been dashed by the injury bug. Providence should be grateful it faced DePaul in a must-win game.

Florida State is a high-quality squad from the ACC. Clemson is slipping, and who can figure out erratic Boston College? Maryland still looks like an NIT favorite.

So, we were wrong about a few things, but the end result seems right: The Big East is best.

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Hokies Keep Hope Alive — for a Day



Virginia Tech guard Malcolm Delaney scored 17 points in Thursday's victory.

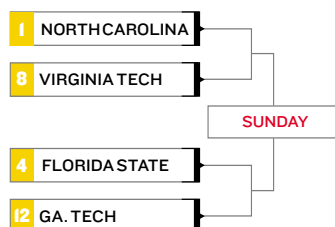
Dominating victory over Miami sets up quarterfinal vs. UNC

HOKIES MEN'S HOOPS | Virginia Tech broke open a close game with a 14-0 run in the second half and beat Miami 65-47 in the ACC tournament on Thursday to keep the Hokies' NCAA tournament hopes alive.

Virginia Tech (18-13) will play top seed North Carolina in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament quarterfinals on Friday.

Virginia Tech coach Seth Greenberg is trying to join his older brother, Radford coach Brad Greenberg, in the NCAA tournament. Radford

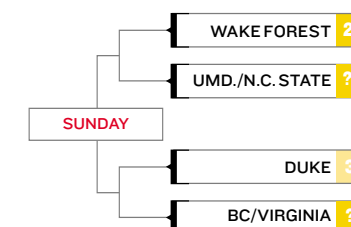
ACC TOURNAMENT CLOSE-UP



won the Big South championship.

Malcolm Delaney made only one of 10 shots from the field but made 14 of 15 free throws to lead Virginia Tech with 17 points. A.D. Vassallo added 14 points and eight rebounds.

The Hokies, who led by 14 points in the first half, were ahead



only 43-37 midway through the second half before the 14-0 run. J.T. Thompson, who had 12 points, started the hot streak with back-to-back baskets and capped the run with a basket with 7:15 remaining for a 57-37 lead.

ZACH BERMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Entertainment Weekend



'THE ROCK' IN HIS ROLE: Dwayne Johnson, center, plays his typical tough-but-nice-guy character in "Race to Witch Mountain."

Noisy Remix

A repeat journey to 'Witch Mountain' is all bells and whistles

FILM | If you grew up in the 1970s, you probably have some fond movie-going memory of "Escape to Witch Mountain."

Sure, the special effects look dated — the flying Winnebago with Eddie Albert at the wheel, for exam-

ple. But the 1975 action-adventure tale of an orphaned brother and sister with psychic powers still holds up for all ages. What kid wouldn't want to communicate with animals telepathically, or magically make stuff hit a bully in the face?

With "Race to Witch Mountain" — a re-imagining, not a remake, to use the vernacular — the kids are about six years older, which depletes the story of some of its sweetness.

It's also harder to care about them because they're not really the ones driving the story — they're literally passengers in what is essentially yet another family-friendly vehicle for Dwayne Johnson.

The artist formerly known as "the Rock" stars as Jack Bruno, an ex-con trying to carve out a clean life as a Las Vegas cabdriver. The role once again requires him to play a tough guy with a soft heart.

One day, alien brother and sister Seth and Sara (Alexander Ludwig and AnnaSophia Robb, respectively) mysteriously appear in the backseat of his car, produce a wad of cash and ask him to take them to an indeterminate location.

Their arrival there is crucial to the survival of their planet, they eventually explain in politely robotic English. ("Jack Bruno, it would appear we have not eluded them," is a typical bit of dialogue.) But first, they must endure a series of repetitive and bombastic car chases, as they try to hide from both government baddies with nefarious plans (led by Ciaran Hinds) and an alien assassin on a mission to destroy them.

The film from Andy Fickman (who also directed Johnson in the football comedy "The Game Plan"), based on a script by Matt Lopez and Mark Bomback, is all noise and action, overedited shootouts with blaring music. And it has none of the small charms of the original, though the ethereally pretty Robb, star of "Bridge to Terabithia," has a likable presence, and she gets to do some of that same turn-the-animals-against-their-owners routine.

What "Race to Witch Mountain" does retain from the 1975 movie are its stars, Ike Eisenmann and Kim Richards (She's still cute!), who make knowing cameos at a small-town diner. And, yes, there is a Winnebago, driven by wisecracking Garry Marshall as a UFO conspiracy expert. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

Got Plans?

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It doesn't look like the weather is going to be so great this weekend. I'm thinking about going to the National Museum of American History. Other ideas for things I can do alone?

That museum is a good option. I'd probably also hit up Golden Seams, an interesting show at the Sackler.

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→ *Sackler Gallery, 1050 Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-4880. (Smithsonian)*



Abe Lincoln's watch is on display at the National Museum of American History.

What is a good, wallet-friendly and romantic restaurant option in the vicinity of Georgetown or Tenleytown?

Try ordering appetizers at Bistrot Lepic's wine bar or head farther up Wisconsin Avenue to check out the quaint Le Chat Noir in Tenleytown. Georgetown's Neyla, billed as a "Mediterranean grill," is another option.

→ *Bistrot Lepic, 1736 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-0111.*

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Avoid 'Last House on the Left'

This new version of a Wes Craven cult flick is torture for viewers

FILM | Vengeance porn meets the torture flick in "The Last House on the Left," a new version of Wes Craven's vile 1972 cult horror movie that itself was a rank vulgarization of Ingmar Bergman's 1960 Oscar-winner "The Virgin Spring." It's a gore sundae with an S&M cherry on top.

Before the stunned eyes of his son (Spencer Treat Clark), a vicious killer (Garret Dillahunt), his sociopathic babe (Riki Lindhome) and his psycho brother (Aaron Paul) kidnap and assault two nubile teens (Sara Paxton and Martha MacIsaac). They then kill one (MacIsaac) and rape the other (Paxton) before landing in the vacation home of a doctor (Tony Goldwyn) and his wife (Monica Potter) — who happen to be the raped girl's parents.

"If bad people hurt someone you



"The Last House" is all blood and gore, except when it's vengeance porn.

love, how far would you go to hurt them back?" runs one tagline for this movie. For starters, I might make them sit through this movie repeatedly with their eyes clamped open, like Alex in "A Clockwork Orange." Its depravity is matched only by its ineptness and bad faith. The movie means to be about how violence makes animals out of all of us, including the vengeful parents. Unfortunately, that also includes the audience. **MICHAEL SRAGOW (THE BALTIMORE SUN)**

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INSTA-HIT: Listen to any Estelle jam and you'll want to go to her 9:30 Club jam Sunday.

Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Next week, David leaves for Austin, Texas, and the South by Southwest music festival. If he sees one performance that's even half as memorable as the one the Homosexuals gave last year, then it'll be a great week. The U.K. art-punk originals set themselves up for an eternity as a cult favorite in the '70s when they decided on their band name, but a "controversial" name doesn't make you remembered 30 years later. The Homosexuals' brilliant, fractured punk songs did the trick on that front. A 2004 reissue of a compilation containing out-of-print singles brought the band to the attention of a new generation, even though frontman Bruno Wizard is the only original member still active. The "new" Homosexuals consist of members of New York bands Apache Beat and the Unsacred Hearts, a pair of New York groups that can play Homosexuals classics such as "Neutron Lover" and "Hearts in Exile" better than the originals, leaving Wizard to stalk the stage with the same boundless energy he had 30 years ago. Presumably, at least. This show isn't a "can't miss," or even a "Can't Miss." This is a "CANNOT MISS!" Fiasco and Arrington open at **COMET PING PONG**.

SATURDAY

With 40 bands, pub games, a rock

climbing wall, sideshow acts, restaurant tents and all the green beer you can handle, Shamrock Fest at **RFK STADIUM** easily takes the title of the biggest St. Patrick's Day party of the year. And with headlining acts such as Flogging Molly, local Irish rockers Scythian and half the bands on this summer's Dewey Beach calendar (Mr. Greengenes, etc.), it shouldn't fail to entertain.

SUNDAY

In just two short years, Estelle has captivated American audiences with hip-hop influenced pop that balances its catchiness with sincere songwriting. There isn't a trace of Auto-Tune, and when she leans on her rap chops that precede the singing fame, it's definitely not a gimmick. With a grounding in London's hip-hop and reggae scenes, plus a few years of serious touring under her belt, Estelle has collected the tools she needs to hold audiences' attention on big stages. Catch our adopted British sweetheart with Ryan Leslie at the **9:30 CLUB** Sunday night.

"Bringing back the high school party with a touch of class" is how top-flight bartenders Owen Thompson (Bourbon) and Adam Bernbach (Bar Pilar) are billing Billy's Parents House, which they're throwing Sunday night at the **WAREHOUSE THEATER**. It's a little nicer than those 11th-grade gatherings: The two have concocted their own wine coolers and will be pouring upscale tequila shots and slinging cans of microbrew beer in lieu of Natty Light.

Check out an extended version of "Nightlife Agenda" each Thursday at Washingtonpost.com/gog/index.html

Entertainment **Weekend**



THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIVES: Jackie Earle Haley plays righteous Rorschach in the big-screen adaptation of "Watchmen."

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CORALINE (PG, 100 minutes) The movie, adapted from Neil Gaiman's enormously successful book of the same name, follows 11-year-old Coraline (voiced by Dakota Fanning), whose wish to replace the adults in her life leads to a nightmarish experience in a parallel universe. Director-writer Henry Selick doesn't reach for the kind of universality that would enrich the movie. It's a shame, because Fanning's performance is the movie's most emotionally persuasive element. (DT)

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG, 112 minutes) Is Rebecca Bloomwood the embodiment of irresponsible consumerism? Absolutely, which makes the timing of the film either genius or fatal, but two things weigh in its favor: One is Isla Fisher; the other is that the film is oblivious to its own gravitas. (JA)

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13,

132 minutes) As the protagonists rehearse the movie's core philosophical questions, they wind up making a text of the subtext that lies just under the surface of most romantic comedies: romantic complaint. Gigi (Ginnifer Goodwin) throws herself headlong into every relationship she's in. Janine (Jennifer Connolly) has a husband, Ben (Bradley Cooper), who is distant when they talk about what color to paint a room, while Beth (Jennifer Aniston) has a boyfriend, Neil (Ben Affleck), who refuses to get married. The film isn't a movie as much as a destination; it's the movie equivalent of a quick mani-pedi, with pleasures that go just about as deep and last just about as long. (AH)

THE INTERNATIONAL (R, 116 minutes) Clive Owen plays Interpol agent Lou Salinger, a gruff, obsessed loner who for years has been on the trail of a corrupt bank. Now he's working with the Manhattan district attorney's office, specifically a comely assistant D.A. named Ella Whitman, played in an unobjectionable if undistinguished performance by Naomi Watts. Directed by Tom Tykwer ("Run Lola Run") with sober

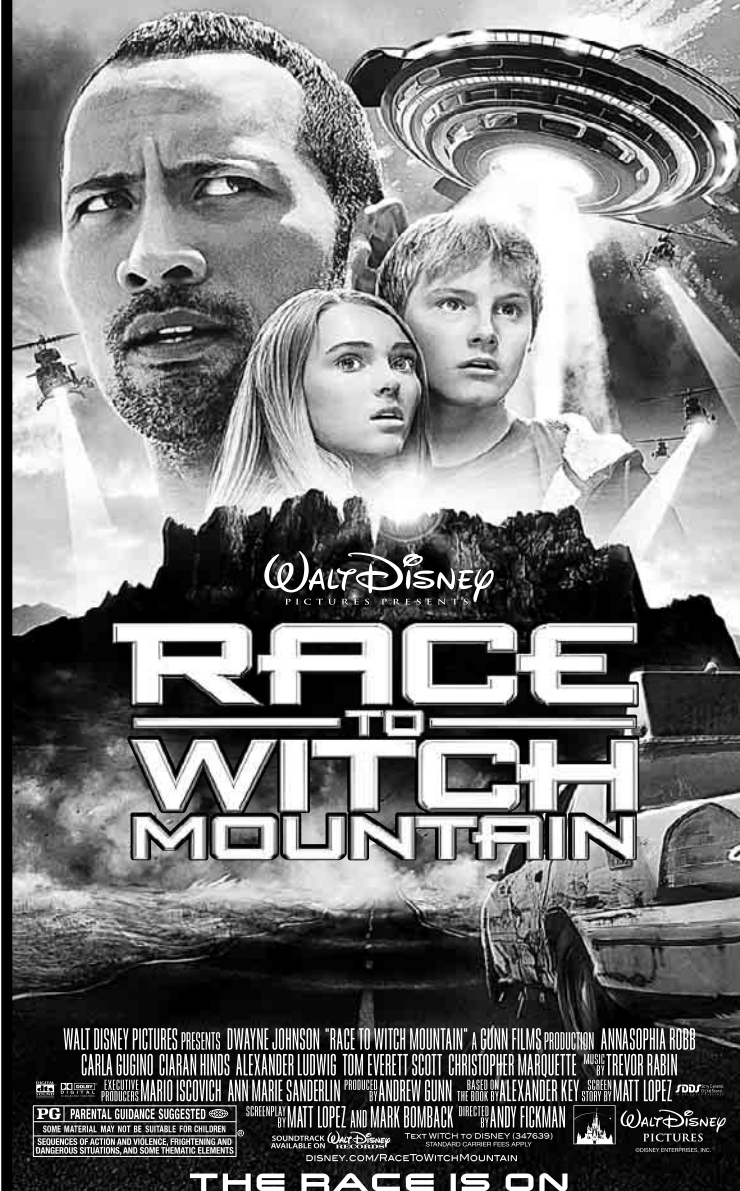
forthrightness, the film is in many ways a throwback to the monochrome urban thrillers of the 1970s, with the added and topical twist of having a diabolical financial institution at its center. Garbled at times, the movie still hums along with attractive, smooth efficiency. The compulsively watchable Owen makes for an ideal leading man of both action and angst. The film's eye-popping set piece, a shoot-out at the Guggenheim Museum, is an extravagantly choreographed valentine to philistines everywhere. (AH)

JONAS BROTHERS: THE 3-D CONCERT EXPERIENCE (G, 76 minutes) Youngsters who adore the Jonas Brothers will have fun at this movie. It contains virtually nothing offensive, unless parents are bothered by the mildly sensual style of dance the Jonas boys do onstage or the hilariously Freudian foam spray they aim at their audience in one silly concert bit. For parents, here a critic's opinion, for what it's worth: The film is a contrived and commercial bit of nothing. Even the supposedly "candid" moments backstage or in hotel rooms come off as awkward.

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wardly staged, with the brothers unable even to fake spontaneity. The brothers seem, sadly, already jaded by their celebrity. The movie is structured around their 2008 "Burnin' Up" concert tour and an album launch. They seem utterly manufactured as personalities. (JH)

MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG-13, 103 minutes) Take Madea out of a Madea film, and you have straightforward melodrama. Minus the supersized, sharp-tongued incendiary matriarch, played in drag by



THREE'S A CROWD: Joaquin Phoenix, right, nurses his infatuation in "Two Lovers."

Tyler Perry, the film is a decently made weeper, with the familiar cast of characters from Perry's repertoire: betrayed spouses, fallen women, men struggling to do right and conniving, social-climbing villains in very fine threads. But add Madea into the mix, and Perry's dramas take a strange, postmodern twist, mixing genera and tone, and leaving reality in uncertain circumstances. In Tyler Perry's newest outing, a big-hearted prosecutor (Derek Luke) struggles to save an old friend (Keshia Knight Pulliam) from life on the streets, only to be thwarted by his jealous fiancée (Ion Overman). Madea's perennial struggles with the law grow more serious, and she finds

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herself doing hard time. (PK)

TWO LOVERS (R, 108 minutes) In James Gray's quiet, unadorned romantic drama, Joaquin Phoenix is his old, clean-shaven self as Leonard Kraditor, a troubled young man who has moved back in with his parents in Brighton Beach. Torn between a gorgeous if unstable shiksa goddess (Gwyneth Paltrow) and the nice Jewish girl (Vinessa Shaw) his mom and dad are clearly crazy about, Leonard ultimately has to decide which self to express: the romantic but doomed artist or the settled but thwarted family man. Movies have visited this terrain before, from "The Graduate" to last year's wonderful "Momma's Man." But the film has its pleasures, too, even if Paltrow seems wildly out of place in a drama committed to adamantly un-starry realism. The movie's chief value is to preserve Phoenix at the height of his wary physical grace, which recalls a young Marlon Brando. (AH)

WATCHMEN (R, 163 minutes) The film, like the 1986 graphic novel by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, follows the tormented daily lives of a ragtag band of retired superheroes caught up in a plot to save the Earth, and themselves, from the machinations of a self-appointed savior of mankind, who may not have mankind's best interests at heart. The gang's all here: the psychotically righteous Rorschach (Jackie Earle Haley), the dangerously



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(WO)MAN: Tyler Perry is, as usual, stunning in drag in "Madea Goes to Jail."

smart Adrian Veidt (Matthew Goode) and the shape-shifting blue nudist with seemingly limitless power, Dr. Manhattan (Billy Crudup). The movie exposes the glaring problems with the original material: The dialogue stinks and is filled with clichés. But when it marches in lockstep with the tedious plot, the only watch that

matters in "Watchmen" is the one on your wrist. (PK)



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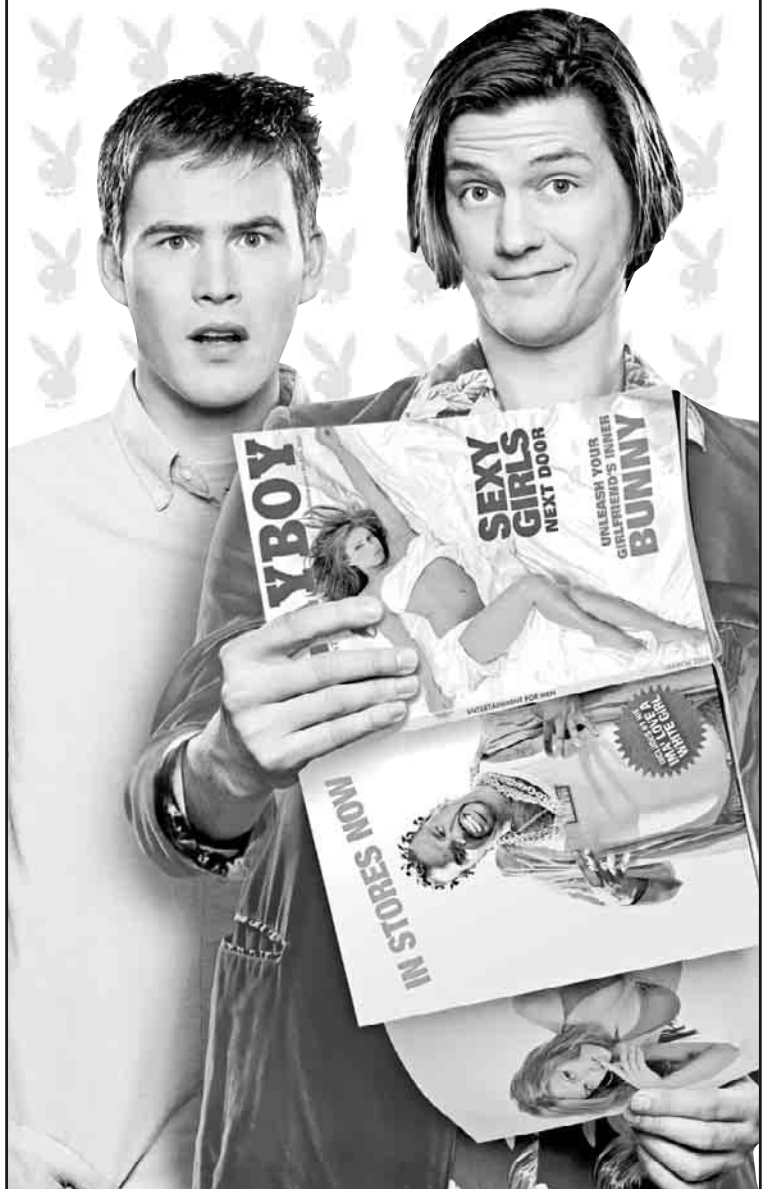
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Touch Down

Post-punk rockers the Feelies have been a major inspiration to R.E.M. since the late '70s and early '80s. The band reunited to celebrate the upcoming summer reissues of its first two albums, "Crazy Rhythms" and "The Good Earth." With a sound that dances on the line

between the Velvet Underground and mainstream indie-rock, the Feelies have been keeping quite a low profile since their early days — their last new album dropped way back in 1991. n.o.

→ 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m., \$20; 202-393-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)



Irish Mayhem

Forget the pubs. Try more than 50 live bands, thousands of screaming fans and endless amounts of green beer. Shamrock Fest 2009 fea-

tures all this and more in what could possibly be the most massive St. Patrick's Day festival this side of the Atlantic.

The daylong fete features a 40-acre "party area" with Irish-American bands such as Flogging Molly and Carbon Leaf. b.a.

→ RFK Stadium, 2400 East Capitol St. SE; Sat., 1 p.m., \$20-\$80; 202-547-9077. (Stadium-Armory)

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A Pub-Food Feast For Your Irish Eyes

AS ST. PATRICK'S DAY approaches, the words "pub" and "grub" are becoming inescapable. Getting indigestion just thinking about all that greasy bar fare seeping into your belly? Not to worry, lads and lasses, as it happens that not all is lost in the world of D.C. pub dining. You just need to know where to look.

Columbia Heights' Commonwealth (1400 Irving St. NW; 202-265-1400) is one of D.C.'s first "gastropubs" (i.e. a pub specializing in high-quality food and drink), and chef and owner Jamie Leeds delivers a solid menu of imaginative English classics.

Standouts such as house-made headcheese (\$8), Scotch eggs (\$7) and crispy pigs' trotters (\$9) round out her porcine-heavy menu. To wash it all down, there's a wide range of cask ales on tap, including the pleasantly bitter Wells Bombardier Premium or the smoother Newcastle Brown (\$6-8). Perhaps you're looking for that hard-to-find Harvey & Son Imperial Extra Double Stout (\$12). They have it here, in addition to a vast selection of imports.

Over in Alexandria, Eamonn's Dublin Chipper (728 King St.) has mastered the art of deep-frying. The Irish chip shop does an excellent rendition of fish and chips that is a far cry from the soggy grease feast found at many places. Along with the standard fish and chips (\$5-\$8), other favorites such as battered sausages (\$4) and the indulgent fried Mars bars (\$3.50) are as authentic as one will get on this side of the pond. BRIAN AUSTIN

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3 Endless Summer



You might recognize them from the last year's cutesy film "Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist," but Brooklyn indie duo Bishop Allen has been cranking out rock songs for quite some time. The band has a penchant for happy poppish songs that seem best suited for sunny days. With catchy hooks and a dancey tempo, most Bishop Allen songs have "summer anthem" written all over them. b.a.

→ Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., 9 p.m., \$13; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)



2 Grit and Glamour

You know the Ramones, Sex Pistols and the Clash, don't you? Well, the Homosexuals (formerly the Rejects) are one of the great lost punk bands of the '70s, with maybe just a little more glam sprinkled in. n.o.

→ Comet Ping Pong, 5037 Connecticut Ave. NW; Fri., 10 p.m., \$40; 202-364-0404.



5 An Earnest Return

Since its formation in the early '90s, Clem Snide has gone through bitter breakups, new lineups, label changes and city changes. Now, the group's back on the scene after the February release of its previously abandoned record, "Hungry Bird." On the band's MySpace page, frontman Eef Barzelay describes the album as a mixture of "illusory folk" and "dark apocalyptic dirge." So, happy-go-lucky it probably is not. n.o.

→ Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Sat., 9 p.m., \$14; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)



Television

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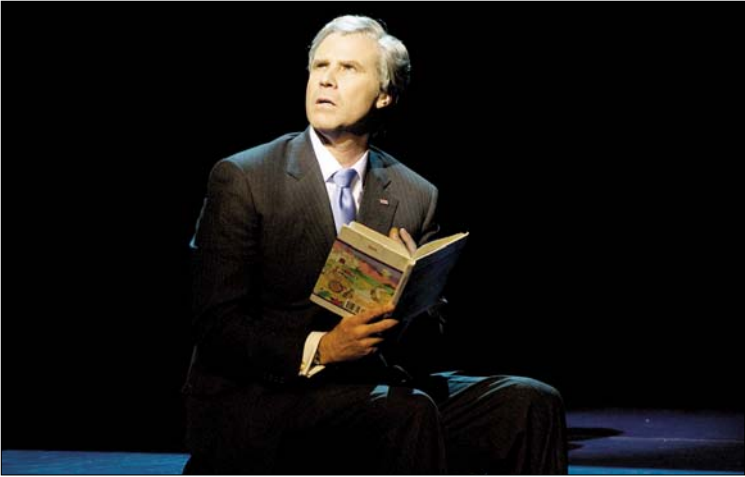
UNREMARKABLE OCCASION
To commemorate its 100th episode, **WIFE SWAP** (8 p.m., ABC, Fri.) asked fans of the show to pick their favorites out of the 198 families who have endured the experiment in parenting styles.

HOW KIND OF HIM
Sam risks all to save Melinda's mind on **GHOST WHISPERER** (8 p.m., CBS, Fri.).

THERE ARE NO WORDS
California coeds compete to see who can survive a sleepover in a haunted hospital on **HOT GIRLS IN SCARY PLACES** (9 p.m., E!), a send-up of several reality formats in one.

NO PRESSURE!
The stakes get higher when the playoff game becomes a TV game of the week on **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

HEMMING AND HAWING
Scheduled on **20/20** (10 p.m., ABC, Fri.):



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THANKS, DUBYA: Will Ferrell aims to amuse in HBO's "You're Welcome, America."

Libertarians John Stossel and Drew Carey find fault with the bailout.

JOINED-UP TALKING
Will Ferrell and Cursive appear on **LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., CBS, Fri.).

'THE ROCK' IS COOKING
Dwayne Johnson, Kristen Stewart and the Dream appear on **JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE** (12:05 a.m., ABC, Sat.).

FAMILY AFFAIR
"ER" alumni Eriq LaSalle and Michael

Michele star in **RELATIVE STRANGER** (9 p.m., Hallmark, Sat.), a tale of a prodigal son, brother, husband and father who returns to his family after six unexplained years away.

A PROPER GOODBYE
Will Ferrell brings his outlandish frat-boy/man-child routine to the White House in **YOU'RE WELCOME, AMERICA. A FINAL NIGHT WITH GEORGE W. BUSH** (9 p.m., HBO, Sat.).

FUNNY FOR SURE
Tracy Morgan hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), with musical guest Kelly Clarkson.

CROWNS AND SUCH
Big, bold, audacious and different, **KINGS** (8 p.m., NBC, Sun.) is brilliant. Ian McShane ("Deadwood") is unmissable as Silas, the king of Gilboa, a fictitious present-day monarchy.

GOOD LUCK, MATE
Bret looks for love on **FLIGHT OF THE CONCHORDS** (10 p.m., HBO, Sun.).



Ian McShane plays the monarch in NBC's new Sunday series, "Kings."

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
Women who have loved and lost are consigned to a boot camp on the new series **TOUGH LOVE** (10 p.m., VH1, Sun.).

TOUGH BUSINESS
Walt and Jesse's business arrangement goes from grim to desperate on **BREAKING BAD** (10 p.m., AMC, Sun.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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THE INTERNATIONAL (R) - ID REQ'D (145 PM) 720 PM

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (125 PM) 930 PM

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13) (115 420) 725 1030

TAKEN (PG-13) (100 340) 610 840 1110

PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (425 PM) 705 PM

JONAS BROTHERS CONCERT 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (G) ★ (1150 AM)

KINGSTOWNE STADIUM 16

5910 Kingstowne Towne Center 703-822-4956

Adv. Tix on Sale MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING

Adv. Tix on Sale DUPLICITY

THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 1255 205 330 500) 620 745 900 1020

RW & DA: RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) ★ (1115 145 415) 645 915

MISS MARCH (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 200 420) 715 945

RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) ★ (1215 245 510) 800 1030

WATCHMEN (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1100 AM)

STREET FIGHTER: THE LEGEND OF CHUN-LI (PG-13) 850 PM

JONAS BROTHERS CONCERT 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (G) ★ 1210 PM 950 PM

TYLER PERRY'S: MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG-13) (1110 135 405) 705 935

THE INTERNATIONAL (R) - ID REQ'D 1030 PM

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (1155 230 515) 750

CORALINE - 3D (PG) ★ (220 PM 455 PM) 720 PM

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (1100 AM)

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13) (1150 255) 610 910

TAKEN (PG-13) (1200 215 435) 700 920

PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (1210 140 355) 615

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) - ID REQ'D (1105 150 445) 735 1025

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

Adv. Tix on Sale MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING

Adv. Tix on Sale DUPLICITY

THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R) - ID REQ'D (150 450) 740 1030

MISS MARCH (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 230 500) 730 1010

RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) ★ (1200 140 220 400 445) 635 710 855 935

OC & DA: WATCHMEN (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1130 AM)

WATCHMEN (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1130 1220 110 200 300 350 440 530) 630 720 810 900 1000

JONAS BROTHERS CONCERT 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (G) ★ (1150 AM) 940 PM

FIRE UP (PG-13) (125 510) 750 1020

TYLER PERRY'S: MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG-13) (120 410) 650 920

THE INTERNATIONAL (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 320) 640 950

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (1210 310) 620 915

CORALINE - 3D (PG) ★ (210 PM 435 PM) 700 PM

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (100 345) 645 945

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13) (1140 240) 610 910

TAKEN (PG-13) (1230 250 520) 745 1025

PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (1250 330) 615 850

HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (1135 200 430) 705 925

GRAN TORINO (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 340) 625 930

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) - ID REQ'D (130 420) 715 1015

FOX STADIUM 16

22875 Crawford Pl, Ashburn, VA 703-957-1035

Adv. Tix on Sale MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING

Adv. Tix on Sale DUPLICITY

RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) ★ (1210 230 450) 720 940

RW & DA: RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) ★ (1110 130 350) 620 840

THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 240 530) 805 1030

MISS MARCH (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 210 440) 735 1000

RW & DA: WATCHMEN (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 PM 430 PM) 750 PM

WATCHMEN (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1140 1220 140 300 340 500) 625 710 820 950 1040

JONAS BROTHERS CONCERT 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (G) ★ (1130 AM) 925 PM

FIRE UP (PG-13) (120 320) 640 900

TYLER PERRY'S: MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG-13) (1145 220 520) 755 1025

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (1230 310 540) 815

CORALINE - 3D (PG) ★ (145 PM 420 PM) 700 PM

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (330 PM) 610 PM 835 PM

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13) (1250 410) 725 1020

TAKEN (PG-13) (1130 200 510) 740 1010

PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (1245 PM)

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) - ID REQ'D (110 400) 650 945

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

Adv. Tix on Sale MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING

Adv. Tix on Sale DUPLICITY

MISS MARCH (R) - ID REQ'D (1140 200 430) 700 920 1135

WATCHMEN (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1100)

1200 1245 130 230 340 415 500) 600 710 745 830 930 1040 1115

JONAS BROTHERS CONCERT 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (G) ★ (1220 240 445) 705 905 1110

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (1115 AM 210 PM 440 PM)

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13) (100 400) 725 1025

TAKEN (PG-13) (1130 150 420) 650 910 1130

THE WRESTLER (R) - ID REQ'D 735 PM 1015 PM

THE READER (R) - ID REQ'D (105 410) 715 1005

MANASSAS STADIUM 14

11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

Adv. Tix on Sale MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING

Adv. Tix on Sale DUPLICITY

RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) ★ (1115 200 445) 715 945

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12:10, 3:50, 7:30, 11:15

DIGITAL 3D
JONAS BROTHERS: THE 3D CONCERT EXPERIENCE (G) 12:50, 5:25, 10:00
CORALINE 3D (PG) (10:20 @ \$8), 2:55, 7:30

THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R) (10:55, 11:35 @ \$6), 1:45, 2:20, 4:25, 5:05, 7:10, 7:55, 9:55, 10:40, 12:30
MISS MARCH (R) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45, 12:10
RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) (10:05, 11:00, 11:40 @ \$6), 12:30, 1:40, 2:20, 3:00, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:30, 10:10, 10:50, 12:00
WATCHMEN (R) (10:10, 11:10 @ \$6), 1:50, 2:50, 5:30, 6:30, 9:15, 10:15
WATCHMEN (R) 1:10, 4:50, 8:30, 12:05
TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) (11:25 @ \$6), 12:05, 2:05, 2:45, 4:40, 5:20, 7:15, 8:00, 9:55, 10:35, 12:20
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (11:30 @ \$6), 4:30, 9:35
FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) 2:05, 7:10, 12:15
THE INTERNATIONAL (R) (10:15 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:55, 6:40, 9:35, 12:25
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:30, 7:35, 10:35
PUSH (PG13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25
TAKEN (PG13) (10:35 @ \$6), 12:25, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10, 12:35
UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS (R) 9:20 PM, 11:50 PM
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05

AMC SELECT
CROSSING OVER (R) (11:05 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 12:25, 3:20, 6:15, 9:10, 11:55
THE READER (R) (10:25 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway

IMAX WATCHMEN: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (R)
(11:30 @ \$9), 3:15, 7:00, 10:40

DIGITAL 3D
JONAS BROTHERS: THE 3D CONCERT EXPERIENCE (G) 12:45, 5:30, 9:55
CORALINE 3D (PG) (10:10 @ \$8), 3:00, 7:30

THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:30, 6:10, 8:40, 11:25
MISS MARCH (R) (10:35 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:25
RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) (10:00, 10:45 @ \$6), 12:30, 1:20, 2:50, 3:50, 5:20, 6:20, 7:50, 8:50, 10:20, 11:15
WATCHMEN (R) 12:35, 4:10, 7:45, 11:20
WATCHMEN (R) 10:30 @ \$6, 2:00, 6:00, 9:45
FIRE UP (PG13) 7:55, 10:30
TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) (11:20 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (10:50 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:05, 6:55, 9:30
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (10:20 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
TAKEN (PG13) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:20, 10:50
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (10:25 AM @ \$6), 12:40 PM

AMC SELECT
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
MISS MARCH (R) 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:25, 9:50
THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R) 1:25, 4:05, 6:55, 9:40
RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35
WATCHMEN (R) 12:00, 1:05, 2:35, 3:35, 4:40, 6:10, 7:10, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45

WATCHMEN (R) 2:35, 6:10, 9:45
TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:05, 10:40
THE INTERNATIONAL (R) 2:10, 5:05, 7:55, 10:50
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:05
TAKEN (PG13) 12:05, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:35

AMC SELECT
CROSSING OVER (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25
THE READER (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
IMAX WATCHMEN: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (R) 12:30, 4:10, 7:45, 11:15

DIGITAL 3D
JONAS BROTHERS: THE 3D CONCERT EXPERIENCE (G) 2:15, 7:05
CORALINE 3D (PG) (11:50 @ \$8), 4:35, 9:25, 11:50

THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R) 1:14 @ \$6, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:30
THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R) 10:40 @ \$6, 12:0, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30, 12:10
MISS MARCH (R) 9:50 @ \$6, 12:05, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40, 12:05
RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) 10:20, 11:10 @ \$6, 12:00, 1:00, 1:50, 2:40, 3:40, 4:30, 5:20, 6:20, 7:10, 8:00, 9:00, 9:50, 10:40, 11:40
WATCHMEN (R) 9:45, 10:45, 11:30 @ \$6, 1:15, 2:30, 3:15, 4:55, 6:15, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 10:35
TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) (10:55 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:00, 6:45, 7:35, 9:20, 10:10, 11:55
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) 1:45, 7:20
THE INTERNATIONAL (R) (10:50 @ \$6), 4:25, 10:00
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (9:55 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:45, 5:10
TAKEN (PG13) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05, 12:15
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (10:25 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:25

AMC SELECT
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.

STREET FIGHTER: THE LEGEND OF CHUN-LI (PG13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) 12:10, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
THE INTERNATIONAL (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:50, 10:35
CORALINE (PG) 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG13) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30

AMC SELECT
THE READER (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo

THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R) (11:00 @ \$6), 12:20, 1:40, 3:20, 4:20, 6:20, 7:20, 9:20, 10:20
RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
WATCHMEN (R) (11:15 @ \$6), 12:45, 2:45, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15, 9:45
WATCHMEN (R) 11:15 @ \$6, 2:45, 6:15, 9:45
TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) (11:30 @ \$6), 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:05, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) (11:55 @ \$6), 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
CORALINE (PG) (11:05 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:05
3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES
PUSH (PG13) 7:05, 9:50
TAKEN (PG13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (11:20 @ \$6), 1:30, 3:45

AMC SELECT
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph

AMC SELECT
BROTHERS AT WAR (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45
THE CLASS (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
MILK (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
THE WRESTLER (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
THE READER (R) 1:00, 3:55, 7:00, 9:40
DOUBT (PG13) 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30

AMC SELECT
LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
WATCHMEN (R) (11:45 @ \$6), 3:20, 7:00, 10:35

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
DIGITAL 3D
JONAS BROTHERS: THE 3D CONCERT EXPERIENCE (G) 10:25, 12:45, 3:05, 5:15, 7:30, 9:35, 11:35

THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R) (9:35 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:50, 5:35, 8:15, 10:55
MISS MARCH (R) (10:45 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45, 1:00
RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) (9:00, 10:00, 11:25 @ \$6), 12:25, 1:50, 2:55, 4:20, 5:30, 7:00, 8:05, 9:30, 10:30, 11:55, 12:55
WATCHMEN (R) (9:30, 10:40 @ \$6), 12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 4:35, 5:45, 7:05, 8:10, 9:25, 10:35, 11:45, 12:50
FIRE UP (PG13) (11:00 AM @ \$6)
TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) (9:25 @ \$6), 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:45, 10:15, 12:45
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (10:50 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50, 12:25
THE INTERNATIONAL (R) 1:20, 4:25, 7:20, 10:10, 12:55
CORALINE (PG) (9:40 @ \$6), 12:10, 2:35
3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (9:50 @ \$6), 12:55, 4:10, 7:25, 10:25
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) 9:50 @ \$6, 12:55, 4:10, 7:25, 10:25
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (9:15, 11:35 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15, 11:40
TAKEN (PG13) (9:45 @ \$6), 12:05, 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:00, 12:20

AMC SELECT
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) (10:20 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:05, 7:10, 9:55, 12:35
THE READER (R) 5:00, 7:55, 10:40

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE
Jenifer and Wisconsin

THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:50, 10:20
RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
WATCHMEN (R) 3:30, 7:00, 10:30
TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:25
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) 4:40, 9:55
THE INTERNATIONAL (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:20, 10:10
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) 2:20, 7:40

AMC SELECT
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18
9811 Washington Boulevard

DIGITAL 3D
JONAS BROTHERS: THE 3D CONCERT EXPERIENCE (G) 10:10, 2:40, 7:25
CORALINE 3D (PG) 12:10, 4:45, 9:30

THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R) 10:45 @ \$6, 12:15, 1:30, 2:55, 4:30, 5:45, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00, 11:20
MISS MARCH (R) 10:15 @ \$6, 12:35, 2:50, 5:15, 7:30, 9:55
RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) 10:00, 11:00 @ \$6, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 9:50, 11:00
WATCHMEN (R) 9:45, 11:15 @ \$6, 1:15, 2:45, 5:10, 6:15, 8:45, 9:45
WATCHMEN (R) 12:30, 4:15, 7:45, 11:15
FIRE UP (PG13) (10:05 @ \$6), 2:35, 7:10
TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) (11:20 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:35, 7:40, 10:20
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (11:35 @ \$6), 5:20, 10:50
THE INTERNATIONAL (R) 4:40, 7:35, 10:25
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) 2:10, 7:55
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (9:50 @ \$6), 12:05, 2:20
TAKEN (PG13) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) 12:20, 4:55, 9:35

AMC SELECT
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) (10:20 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:35
GRAN TORINO (R) (11:30 @ \$6), 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:45
THE READER (R) (10:25 @ \$6), 1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda

RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) 2:00, 4:35, 7:05, 9:45
WATCHMEN (R) 3:30, 7:00, 10:30
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) 2:15, 7:35
THE INTERNATIONAL (R) 4:45, 10:15
AMC SELECT
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:25, 10:05
THE READER (R) 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10

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RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG)
(!)11:30, 2:00, 4:25, 6:50, 9:40
THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R)
(!)11:15, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
MISS MARCH (R)
(!)11:00, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45
WATCHMEN (R)
(!)11:15, 2:40, 5:40, 6:05, 9:10, 9:30
STREET FIGHTER: THE LEGEND OF CHUN-LI (PG-13)
7:30, 9:45 PM
TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG-13)
11:30, 11:50, 2:00, 2:20, 4:25, 4:45, 6:50, 9:40
TAKEN (PG-13)
11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 10:10
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG)
11:00, 1:00, 3:10

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4:20, 9:50
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1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
THE READER (R)
1:05, 3:45, 6:45, 9:35
MILK (R)
1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R)
1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
THE CLASS (PG-13)
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05
CROSSING OVER (R)
1:55, 4:30, 7:25, 10:15
THE WRESTLER (R)
1:35, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45

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THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R)
11:35, 1:50, 4:05, 6:20, 8:35, 10:50
WATCHMEN (R)
11:45, 2:50, 6:00, 9:10
MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG-13)
11:30, 12:00, 1:45, 2:20, 4:00, 4:40, 6:15, 7:00, 8:30, 9:20, 10:45
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10:15, 1:00, 7:00, 7:40, 10:05
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10:00, 12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 8:00, 10:00
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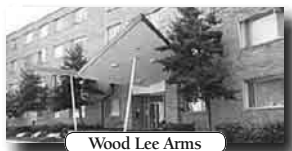
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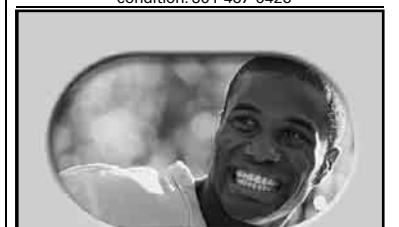
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Athletics

Dressing as a college mascot can require smelly, sweaty work

Clumps of Abby Strietmann's red hair cling to her forehead as she slips out the zippered back of her Blue Blob mascot costume. She slides her 5-foot-1, 125-pound frame wearily to the floor and leans her sweat-soaked back against a cinder block wall.

Ah, a little cool air.

Xavier's nationally ranked basketball team has just dashed off the court for halftime. With a double-digit lead, the Musketeers would probably rather keep playing.

Not Strietmann. She needs this timeout. "This is warmer than normal," she says. "Still, it's a lot of fun. I love it."

She has plenty of sweaty company now that it's tournament time.

Hundreds of college students are climbing into costumes of blobs and Billikens, panthers and peacocks, Demon Deacons and Founding Fathers and heading to far-flung arenas for their own version of March madness.

Like the players, they are fit, they vie for a competitive job, and some even get all their tuition paid.

They're at center court for the best moments of the season — and some of the most grueling, given that teams can play on three or four consecutive days in conference tournaments.

Consider the Hawk, the mascot at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia: As he roams the arena floor, tradition dictates that he flap his wings. Constantly.

The further his team advances, the more the Hawk starts to stink like he's been at the gym for days with no shower.

"All our coaches always joke with me about how bad I smell," said Tim

Klarich, the current Hawk.

But like Strietmann, who will accompany Xavier's women to the NCAA tournament, students consider it the coolest thing they've ever done.

"It opens opportunities that normal college kids don't usually have access to," said Steve Klarich, Tim's older brother, who was the Hawk from 2001 to 2003. Tim Klarich called it "the next best thing to playing."

Just like the athletes, mascot candidates have to make it through demanding tryouts. They must be able to handle an intense cardiovascular workout in a bulky, heat-retaining costume.

Nobody just walks off the street to become an eagle or an anteater.



MASCOT MADNESS: Xavier mascots Arick Stall, left, as D'Artagnan, talks with Abby Strietmann, in a Blue Blob costume.

Fragrant Foul

“All our coaches always joke with me about how bad I smell.”

TIM KLARICH, MASCOT AT SAINT JOSEPH'S U

There are specific requirements for how those in costume do their jobs. For instance, all Brutus Buckeye mascots at Ohio State are trained to move and pose alike.

"You walk with a purpose," said senior Andrew Aten, one of five Brutuses this year. "Whenever you're standing, it's in a strong posture. That's our persona."

Mascots of both feather and fur agree the most difficult part of the job is the costume, which sometimes can be unbelievably awkward. Vision is limited through the eyeholes — like looking through a mesh-covered periscope.

The most unpleasant part?

There's no delicate way to put it: After absorbing about 10 pounds of sweat each game, the costume really stinks. Fabric sprays and dry cleaning don't help. Mostly, the students just get used to the smell.

But there also are perks. Some schools give their mascots stipends. Tuition is covered for the Hawk at Saint Joseph's — a \$32,710 benefit for his dual role as team manager and mascot. Penn State's Nittany Lion also gets a free ride.

Some even go on to fill costumes for professional teams.

And like the players, they dream of making the Final Four. JOE KAY (AP)



COSTUMED ATHLETES: Saint Joseph's University student Tim Klarich, left, prepares to perform in the school's Hawk mascot costume. Xavier University's Blue Blob mascot Abby Strietmann rests during a break in a basketball game in Cincinnati.



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MUSIC

Hi-Octane Reggaeton

Daddy Yankee is the undisputed ambassador of reggaeton—a mix of American hip-hop, Jamaican dancehall and Latin rhythms. But Yankee is breaking through in mainstream pop, too, and Alfredo Flores talked to the Puerto Rican superstar, who plays at DAR Constitution Hall on Sunday. | ONLINE NOW



LIFE & STUFF

Paws & Effect

Two dogs were losing their home and needed help fast. The emotional tale of Cookie and Coco had been flying around the Internet like a scam-meme, but Kris Coronado figured out the real story behind these pooches' predicament. See what Snopes just found out. | ONLINE NOW

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away to get away from my family and refuse to allow them to encroach on my territory. If they want to talk to me, they can do it the old-fashioned way—call."

COMMENTER AIRE, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WOULD YOU ACCEPT AN OLDER RELATIVE'S REQUEST TO JOIN YOUR ONLINE SOCIAL NETWORK?"

Why not?

I'm 49. My Facebook 'friends' include my parents in their late 70s, as well as my teenage nieces and nephews."

COMMENTER CAROL R, WHO ADDED, "THE KEY IS THAT FACEBOOK IS NOT THE CENTER OF MY SOCIAL LIFE, BUT RATHER A TOOL FOR KEEPING IN TOUCH."

It's largely

dependent on who it is and what I think his or her motives are. I live 500 miles away from most of my family, so some I choose to friend, others not."

COMMENTER TIM, WHO ADDED, "I'VE REJECTED COUSINS SIMPLY BECAUSE I THINK THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO BE NOSY."

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Blog LOG

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"I WAS ENGAGED for a little while in college to a guy who owned a grape-purple Phoenix Suns sweat-suit and a black Phoenix Suns Starter jacket. It was not uncommon for him to wear all three of these items at the same time—in public."

SEEKINGJOHNGALT.WORDPRESS.COM LETS US IN ON A SECRET ABOUT HER FORMER BEAU FOR "TMI THURSDAY."

Discussions

The Local Report

Post Metro columnist **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday and talked about the D.C. vote, dog parks and filming TV shows in D.C.



What do you think the chances are that the D.C. vote will be heard with the gun law amendment? This session of Congress or next session?

There are lots of negotiations going on this week, but so far, no movement toward any sort of compromise. The District's politicians are divided on whether to give in on guns in order to win the vote in the House, and without any consensus on the city's side, it's hard to imagine that Congress can be moved to care enough to work out a deal.

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In Sunday's article about filming in D.C., you mentioned that shooting in this town is difficult. As the executive director of a nonprofit film, we are working very diligently with the new head of the city's Office of TV and Motion Pictures to resolve much of that. Our group, the D.C. Film Alliance, has many resources to make permitting easier and a database of thousands of resources for local and visiting productions.

I'm glad to hear that an effort is being made to ease the path for folks who want to film here. But I have to tell you: Every single TV producer I spoke to for that piece said that much as they would love to film here more often, it's just too much of a pain and ends up being too expensive because the security regulations are ridiculously oner-

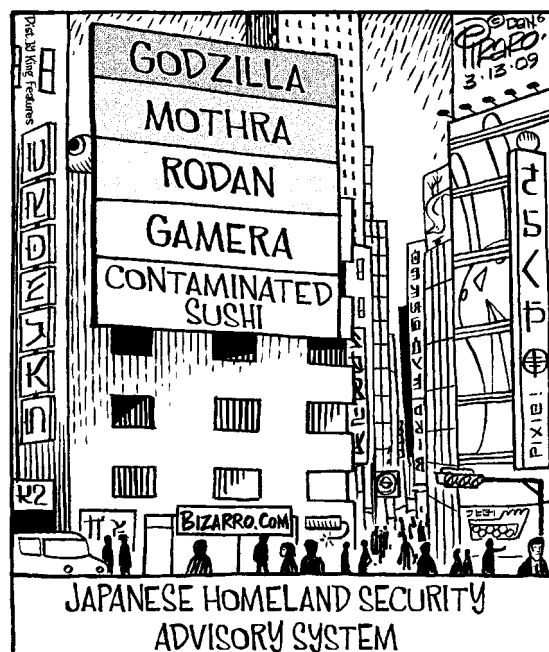
ous and the lines of authority are never clear. They end up having to deal with several government agencies just to film in front of a single building.

If people want to own a dog that is big enough that it needs a large area to run around in, they should live where the area is available.

I wonder if there is a provable correlation between dog size and location of owner. In New York City, there seems to be a preponderance of small dogs, perhaps because apartment living can be very tight. In the District, however, apartments are by no means much larger, yet the mix of dog sizes here seems much greater.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:
Columnist Lisa de Moraes talks about "American Idol" and Chris Brown's nixed Nick nomination at 1 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

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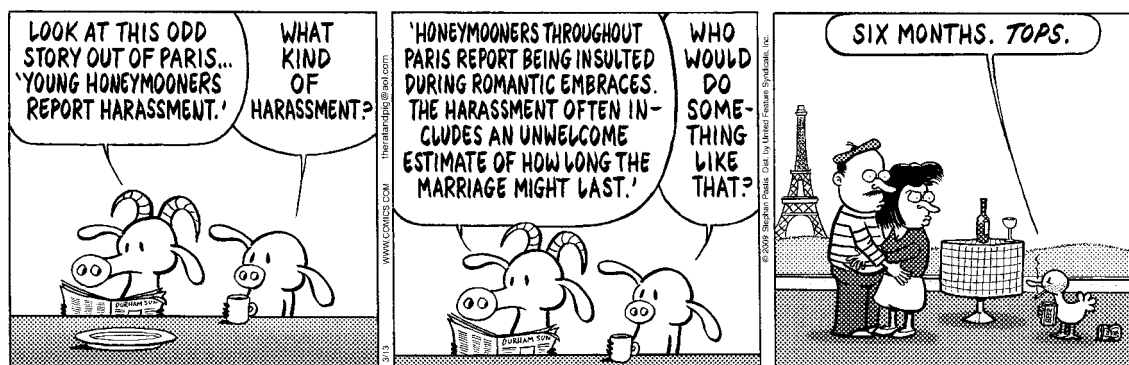


"Exhibit A: the oxygen tube that came loose the night she died. You were there that night. You wanted to play then, too."

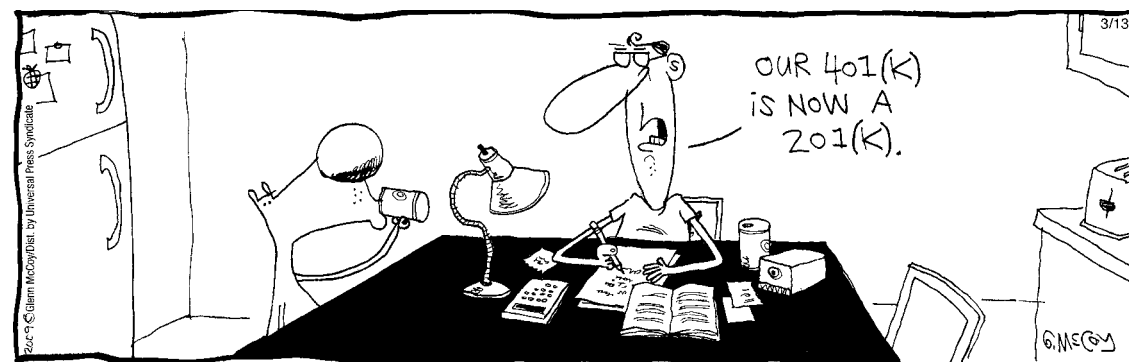
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The time has come to make yourself clear when it comes to a misunderstanding that has followed you for some time. People will surely listen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It takes more than mere cleverness to do what is required, and you can prove that you have the goods. Lasting rewards can be yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It may be an unusually emotional day, and you can surely ride the highs and lows with your trademark wisdom and humor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have remarkable command of thought, word and action—and you can use all of them to great advantage all day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) What you imagine can come to pass—if not today or tomorrow, then in the days and weeks to come. Begin laying the groundwork for success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may want to

join forces with someone who has a little more financial skill than you. Much will depend on savings and expenditures.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There is no reason for others to think that you're a flash in the pan. Indeed, you can stake your claim to some kind of permanence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) There is no room in your day for duplicity of any kind. What you want—from yourself and others—is straight, honest talk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) These may neither be the best of times nor the worst—but you can certainly do a thing or two to bring a smile to the faces of those around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Listen to those who offer praise and criticism, for you can learn a great deal from both.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're likely to come face to face with someone from your past who ignites a surprising passion within you. Something is beginning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your keen perceptions can serve you and others well. Focus on those things that are currently misunderstood; you can clear things up.

Letters

Fast Troop Pullout Bad Idea

GARLAND CROSBY is correct ("Withdrawal Will Take Time," March 11): It would be detrimental to our country if the president withdrew all our forces at once from Iraq, and God knows we want all of our

forces home. It is like anything else in life: All 150,000 troops weren't sent over there at the same time, so they will not be able to come home at the same time. Also, our president is making strides that have not been made in eight years, so let's pray for him and our country, and support our troops.

—CHAVAR VAN ZANDT
Temple Hills, Md.

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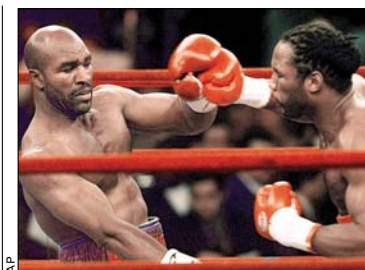
Today in History

1781 Sir William Herschel discovers the planet Uranus.

1925 The Tennessee General Assembly approves a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution.

1988 Yielding to student protests, the board of trustees of Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., chooses I. King Jordan to become the school's first deaf president.

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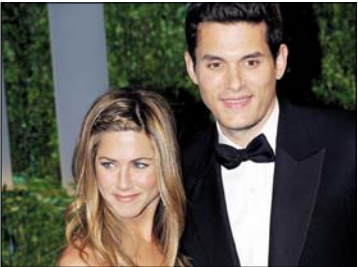


Holyfield and Lewis fight March 13, 1999.

one teacher before killing himself.

1999 Evander Holyfield, the WBA and IBF champion, and Lennox Lewis, the WBC champion, keep their respective titles after fighting to a controversial draw in New York.

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They looked good, but not good enough.

SPLIT NO. 2
Couple Fall Apart in Wake Of 'Brangelina Is Hot' Buzz
According to People.com, **JENNIFER ANISTON** and **JOHN MAYER** have called it quits for the second time. "They had some disagreements and decided to not continue to see each other," says one source of their allegedly amicable parting. (EXPRESS)

LAWSUITS
Mother-in-Law's Nagging Makes Woman Hallucinate
A North Carolina woman, **SHERI GILBERT**, has sued **JENNIFER LOPEZ**, **JANE FONDA** and others associated with the 2005 movie "Monster-in-Law," saying the film was similar to a script she wrote in 1998. (AP)

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SPLIT NO. 1
Shotgun Breakup
The engagement between Alaska **GOV. SARAH PALIN'S** oldest daughter, **BRISTOL PALIN**, 18, and **LEVI JOHNSTON** is off. Johnston, 19, said that he and Bristol Palin mutually decided "awhile ago" to end their relationship. The two are the parents of a boy, Tripp, who was born Dec. 27. Sarah Palin revealed her daughter's pregnancy after being named the Republican vice presidential nominee. (AP)

TEST
Social Experiment Continues As Planned
JOAQUIN PHOENIX jumped off the stage during a short performance at the LIV nightclub early Thursday morning and confronted an audience member who was heckling him. Security guards dragged him back onstage and escorted him away. It's



We're on to you, bro — that beard is no accident.

unknown whether the confrontation — and his pledge to quit acting and start rapping — was real or a put-on, but actor **CASEY AFFLECK** recorded the performance on camera. In October, Phoenix's publicist confirmed he was making the career switch. (AP)

NAMES
Our Money Was on 'Zeus'
It's a boy, again, for **ANNE HECHE**. People magazine reports that the 39-year-old actress and her boyfriend, actor James Tupper, welcomed son Atlas Heche Tupper over the weekend. The couple met on the set of ABC's "Men in Trees"



and began dating in 2007. Heche also has a 7-year-old son, Homer, from her marriage to cameraman Coleman Laffoon. Their divorce was finalized just this week. (AP)

YAWN
Drama-Free, Low-Profile Couple Quietly Marry
MANDY MOORE is a married woman. Publicist Jillian Fowkes confirmed the actress-singer and her fiancé, rock musician **RYAN ADAMS**, tied the knot Tuesday in Savannah, Ga. No further details were provided. Moore confirmed her engagement to Adams last month. (AP)

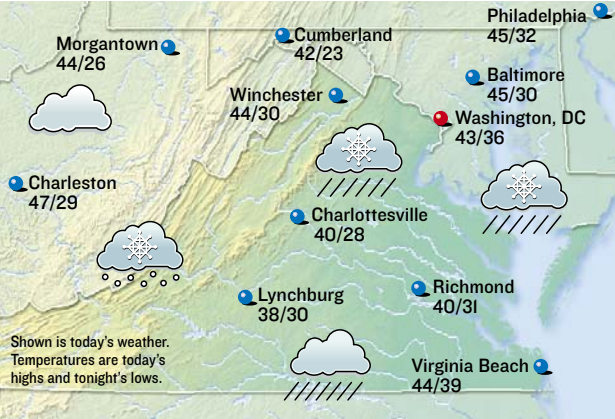


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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.
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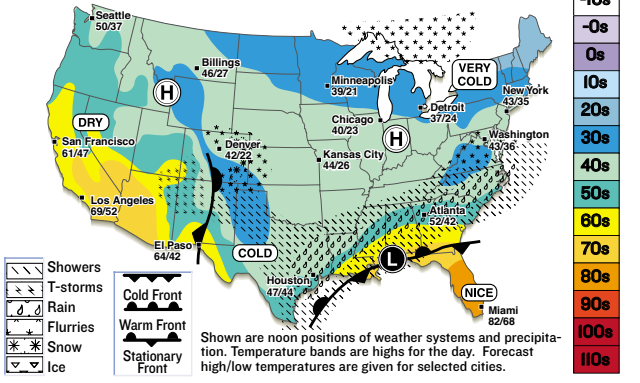
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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:23 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:13 p.m.
Moonrise today 10:27 p.m.
Moonset today 8:17 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, March 13



National Cities

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Atlanta	52/42/r	51/47/r
Boston	37/28/s	47/31/s
Chicago	40/23/pc	52/26/s
Dallas	40/35/r	50/40/r
Denver	42/22/c	53/27/s
Honolulu	73/64/sh	77/68/sh
Los Angeles	69/52/s	66/50/pc
Miami	82/68/pc	81/69/s
New York City	43/35/pc	49/38/pc
Orlando	82/61/pc	82/60/s
Seattle	50/37/c	46/37/r

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	50/43/c	56/45/c
Athens	56/44/pc	57/44/pc
Berlin	47/34/sh	48/45/c
Buenos Aires	82/70/pc	88/57/t
Calgary	49/27/c	36/23/c
Dublin	52/43/r	50/41/sh
Geneva	55/35/c	62/41/pc
Moscow	32/14/pc	28/10/pc
Rome	59/45/s	61/45/s
Sydney	79/64/t	82/66/t
Tokyo	55/46/r	56/47/r

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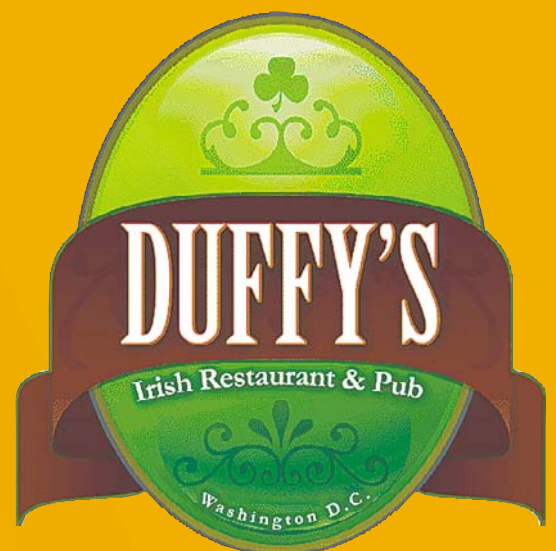
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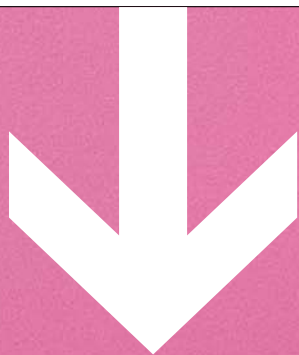
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■ In "The Great Buck Howard,"

Colin Hanks plays a law-school dropout who winds up working for a high-maintenance magician (sorry, "Mentalist") while figuring out his own future. Hanks, though, has his plan down: acting domination. The son of Tom Hanks portrays Father Gill on "Mad Men" and now stars in "33 Variations" on Broadway.

You're about to have your Broadway debut, and this movie's coming out. How are you feeling?

I'm so tired. I'm chomping at the bit for the opening so I can have normal theater hours, although there's no such thing as normal theater hours. But at least I won't have rehearsals all day and performances at night.

But now that you're a star like Buck, don't you get perks like demanding things for your dressing room?

Far from it. I don't even understand who I'm supposed to talk to about that stuff. Is it a lawyer thing? An agent thing? You hear about people with video games in their trailer, but anything I need, I bring with me.

Maybe you're not as high-maintenance as Buck. But can you do magic?

I'm no good with the magic. I was picked to be hypnotized once at a fair. It didn't work, so I just pretended. But it was annoying because the rest of the day as I walked around, people were pointing at me.

But you must be good at dancing, because I hear you do it in the play.

I do some silly dancing and some serious dancing — a minuet. I'm very good at the silly dancing. My technique is just not caring what I look like.

I read you used to collect watches.

There was a period there, yes. But



MICHAEL CAULFIELD/GETTY IMAGES

Colin Hanks

ACTOR, VINYL COLLECTOR, SILLY DANCER

six years ago I got a watch that I loved so much that I stopped looking for others. It's the cheesiest Casio digital. It's so ridiculously simple-looking, it's beautiful.

Is that your style?

I'm big on anything that's classic — Levi's pants, Ray-Bans, Dickies-type jackets in solid colors. I'm not super-flashy. I'm not big on logos or anything loud. I like graffiti and street art, but I wouldn't want to wear it.

Collect anything now?

Vinyl. I love the sounds — the snaps, crackles and pops. I got a few really fantastic blues records for Christmas: "Chicago Blues" and "The Hoodoo Man Blues." And my girlfriend gave me one record I'm afraid to open. It's a perfect edition, sealed LP of John Coltrane's "Blue Train." That is the only one I'm not listening to. I'm a music geek.

OK, back to fashion! You were on "Mad Men," and you didn't get to wear fun retro clothes. Bummer, right?

There was a period there when I was joking with the costumer about how

"All I wanted to do was be an ad guy in a cool suit and smoke, and instead I'm a priest."

all I wanted to do was be an ad guy in a cool suit and smoke and drink and say inappropriate things, and instead I'm a priest.

Did people react to you differently in that setup?

The funny thing is that a lot of people — and this is going to sound weird — don't realize it's me. I don't get recognized a lot, but their eyes just gravitate to the collar. That in combination with the '60s hair pomade, it helped me hide a bit. With the exception of the collar, though, I felt like I was Neo from "The Matrix." It's all black and flowy. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



Boo-Boos, Begone

OK, OK, WE GET that eyeliner is an essential. The problem: It seems like every time we pick up a peeper pencil, we end up with bold strokes that go every which way but our lash line. Luckily, there's L'Oreal Paris' new Clean Artiste Makeup Corrector Pen (\$11, drugstores), which easily removes mistaken marks to create a precise, "I-have-the-application-skills-of-a-pro" look. Our next challenge: Tackling lip liner — which, thankfully, this works on, too.

Hold Me Light?

IT'S DARK AND lonely on the sofa, particularly since you broke it off with that departing Bush staffer. Diana Lind's glowing, fuzzy pillow (\$160, Dianalindesign.com) might not replace what's-his-face, but it'll give you something to hold onto and a conversation starter once you have new callers. The thing's insides are formed of silicon that gleams, thanks to rechargeable batteries. Its furry case, which comes in several hues, insures you won't feel like you're cuddling a robot.



You've Got a Coil

CALL US OLD-FASHIONED, but the "Gee, I hope he calls" moments of our youth seem so much more poetic than "Gee, I hope he text-mes-sages/IMs/Facebooks me." This might explain our instant love for artist Debra Dresler's watches (\$65, Uncommongoods.com) crafted from reclaimed telephone cords and accented with push-button keys. They remind us of lunging for the family phone every time it rang — though we've left behind the teenage angst, thank goodness.



2 Give Crease A Chance

CENTURIES AGO, Japanese samurai exchanged folded bits of paper to indicate mutual respect. Accord Publishing's new Origami Home Decor Kit (\$13, Amazon.com) gives modern party hosts a chance to do basically the same thing. The box of colored papers comes with a booklet of creasing, folding and cutting projects that'll result in flamingo swizzle sticks (shown), flower-like coasters and ingenious, if highly flammable, candleholders.

Grab Bag

Bottled Sunshine

WINTER'S DAYS — weather gods willing — seem to be numbered. The demise of the dreariest season makes us hanker for both lighter clothing and cooking. Fruit de la Passion (\$17, [Sur La Table stores](http://SurLaTable.com)), a French vinegar distilled from passion-fruit pulp and apples, brings a zippy, "Are-we-in-the-tropics?" twist to salad dressings, particularly those loaded with crab or fish. The stuff's also ideal for glazing a chicken breast.



dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I'm going to be visiting San Francisco for a friend's wedding in June. While there, I will be visiting as many vineyards as my bridesmaid duties will allow. Could you recommend some fun-yet-comfortable shoes that would be appropriate? — KIM



Chile and northern Argentina, touring various wineries and partaking extensively of the fruit of the vine.

Frankly, the Manolo is not much of the wine expert. He is more of the amateur enthusiast, avidly gulping glass after glass of bold reds, while his more refined companions sniff, swirl and expectorate knowingly. "Manolo, don't you think this 'cab' has strong undertones of currents with a soupçon of kumquat?" To which the Manolo nods, holds out the glass to the tour guide and says, "Mmmm, kumquaty. More."

As for what to wear to the winery, the Manolo would remind his friend that rural California is hot, dusty and exceedingly casual in June. It is best to dress accordingly. Look, here is the D Tori by Geox (\$103, Zappos.com).



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

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DOMESTIC BRIGHTS

Wake up your space with a painted chair, table or chest

In Grandma's prime, neutral woods ruled the furniture world: mahogany bookcases and oak tables. It's also likely that she — and even your parents — painted their walls cream and bought their bureaus in hues no more daring than, say, a whiter shade of boring.

But in recent years, color has crept not only back onto the runway, but also into our homes. At first, those bright blues, fiery reds and cheery yellows mainly showed up on the walls. But now, dramatic hues are popping up on end tables, bookshelves and even armoires from big-box stores. "People are being bolder with their palettes," says Deedra Everett, co-owner of House Eclectic (Houseeclectic.com), an Alexandria-based importing company that specializes in colorful furniture from China. "Painted pieces perk up any room."

But forget the shabby-chic, distressed pastels of the late 1990s. Millennial homeowners seem to crave shiny, mod pieces that pop in neutral rooms.

Everett and her business partner (and uncle) Jonathan Slosberg began dabbling in rainbow hues about seven years ago and found a "very excited" market at trade shows. Via its Web site, the firm now offers Asian-style bookcases, end tables (pictured, facing page) and other pieces in 11 shades. Black and white are top sellers; robin's-egg blue is also a hit. "People can't get enough pistachio, either," she says. Prices range from \$200 for a stool to \$1,720 for an ornate bureau.

Mass retailers also stock colorful pieces. West Elm sells its popular Parsons desks (\$100-\$200, Westelm.com) in kiwi; Pottery Barn hawks a trad Queen Anne dining chair (\$250-\$350, Potterybarn.com) in rad red or French blue.

Still, unless you're very clever with color schemes, you might want to stick to just a few megawatt pieces in a room, or else it'll will scream "circus," not "chic." "Brighter tones sell better on smaller furniture," Everett says. "Some of that is about commitment. For big things, customers want them to last for a long time. For a small piece, they're OK with it just being around for a few years while they enjoy that color." That means it's easy to casually date a bright-blue stool but hard to make a long-term commitment to a traffic-cone orange dining table.

“FURNITURE IS A GREAT WAY TO ADD COLOR. AND IF YOU'RE DOING IT YOURSELF VERSUS BUYING, ... YOU'VE GOT FLEXIBILITY.”

MARGE ELY/EXPRESS



Inspired by reading design blogs, marketing manager Janelle Tracy (shown at decor shop Vastu, where she works) used multiple coats of automotive spray paint to give a \$40 Craigslist chair a stylish makeover. She also re-covered the piece's dated seat with graphic print fabric. The result: a perch that's both chic and cheap.

Such beyond-brown furniture seems especially suited to today's economy because you don't even have to buy anything — except maybe a gallon of Benjamin Moore — to indulge. It's a case in which doing it yourself is almost as easy as slapping new paint on the walls.

Janelle Tracy's job as a marketing manager for Logan Circle decor shop Vastu (1829 14th St. NW; 202-234-3344) means that she spends hours each week surfing design blogs. The 26-year-old kept seeing old-school chairs done over in modern shades. But buying one new can set you back," she says. "I'm a do-it-yourselfer, so I thought I'd give painting it a try." She snagged a seat with nice lines on Craigslist for \$40 and then set about sprucing it up.

Tracy sought advice from her boss, Jason Claire, who suggested building up thin layers of black automotive spray paint. She sanded the wood before each coat to help the paint adhere. "I wanted it to be really, really shiny, so I went with three coats," says Tracy. Then she re-covered the dowdy cushion with punchy black and white fabric.

Though she chose a neutral palette, Tracy "thinks furniture is a great way to add color. And if you're doing it yourself versus buying a painted piece, you've got a lot of flexibility. I almost painted my chair a high-gloss bright purple."

Sherry and John Petersik, the Richmond, Va.-based DIY bloggers behind Thisyounghouse.com, recently invited readers to vote on which hue they should use to refinish their old bookcase. "We thought, What's the worst that could happen? If we put it in the room and it doesn't look great, we can just

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"You don't want to go into a room and see 42 different colors. Stick to four or five."



repaint it," Sherry Petersik says. Readers chose a soft lime, which the couple ended up loving.

Have qualms about painting over natural wood? Sherry Petersik preaches caution. "If you're on the fence about a piece, live with it longer rather than shorter. Paint can be painted over, but you usually can't easily get back to the initial finish under it."

The process doesn't just have to be about slapping a flat hue onto a bookcase. Via his business, Scenic Artisans, Bloomingdale's Sean Hennessey usually puts faux and decorative finishes onto customers' walls, but he sometimes also makes over their furniture. He has gilded dining chairs, faux marbelized tabletops and used thin layers of lacquer to turn a piano deep red.

Still, Hennessey believes too many colors and finishes can easily make a room veer into gaudy territory. "Keep a tight palette," he says. "You don't want to go into a room

and see 42 different colors. Stick to four or five; then the pieces that you want accented, that's where you can pop it."

Sherry Petersik agrees. "It could be a mistake to paint a piece of furniture a punchy color that doesn't appear anywhere else in the room," she says. "Your eyes would go to that piece, and it would suck the life out of everything else." To prevent such a shade imbalance, she recommends using fabrics or artwork already in your space as inspiration. If there's an orange accent in mostly brown floral drapes, snag that shade in a can of Behr and put it on your end tables.

Even though she imports bright furnishings, Everett only recently placed a few such pieces in her Old Town home. "I brought in a bright rug and painted the dining-room chairs red," she says. "It was probably more elegant before, but it's happy to have the bright splashes of colors." JULIA BEIZER

THE DIY DETAILS

OUR EXPERTS OFFERED A FEW TIPS ON FURNITURE PAINTING. SEARCH FOR "HOW TO PAINT FURNITURE" ON THISYOUNGHOUSE.COM FOR DECOR BLOGGER SHERRY PETERSIK'S STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE.

1 "Prep work is vital," says Hennessey. Sand the original finish and clean off the dust before brushing on any paint. This will help paint adhere.

2 Both Hennessey and Sherry Petersik love primer. Petersik prefers oil-based primer because it sticks better.

3 Spray paint isn't just for auto body shops and vandals; it can provide a smoother finish than you can achieve with a brush, Hennessey says. Want a greater variety of colors than what's available in the hardware store? Go to Monarch Paint & Wallcovering Company (504 K St. NW; 202-289-1601). The shop can make aerosol spray cans out of the Benjamin Moore paint shades it carries. In addition to the price of the paint itself, the canning service costs \$11.95 per can. A quart of paint usually fills five or six cans.

4 Whether you spray or use a brush, apply the paint in thin layers. "The paint's going to last longer that way, and that's really important for furniture because then it can take a lot of abuse," Hennessey says.

5 Take time between coats. Brush strokes often show when people slop a second coat of paint over a still-tacky first one, says Petersik. "Take a break, go have a lemonade, and then come back and put on your second coat."

6 The Petersiks like glossy finishes, so they top painted pieces with a coat of polyurethane, which produces a hard, shellacked surface. "Polyurethane adds extra sheen and limitless durability," Petersik says, noting that paint can chip easily. "It's an extra step, but I think it could be argued that, in the long term, it's a shortcut." J.B.

Magazine Confidential

'Running in Heels' depicts daily life at a fashion glossy

In eight years at Marie Claire magazine, shopping editor Zoe Glassner has survived three editors in chief, countless tricky trends and — as of this month — a stint as a reality TV star. She's one of the subjects of the new Style Network show "Running in Heels" (Sun., 8 p.m.). The documentary series follows the mag's three editorial interns (including D.C. native Ashley Gosik) and their bosses (including "Project Runway" alum Nina Garcia). Glassner took a break from her duties — which includes enticing celeb stylist Rachel Zoe to wear affordable duds in the mag's April issue — to chat about teary interns and spring trends.

The series' first two episodes have already aired. Are we getting a true glimpse of working at the mag?

So far, it's pretty real. Work can be really hectic, and we do sometimes accidentally do things like make interns cry. I look stressed out — and I am stressed out! When you have so many people working in a small space and under deadlines, this is the stuff that happens.

Was it hard to keep doing your job in front of all those cameras?

In the beginning, we were all on our best behavior. But as the show progressed, you get very relaxed. That's when you stop brushing your hair or thinking about what you're wearing. When people feel comfortable, that's when things get interesting.

You're the main mentor to these interns. What advice do you have for getting a start in magazines?

The best advice I can give is: Show up on time. Do whatever is asked of you and more. And do not give your opinion until you're asked.

Q+A



D.C.'s own Ashley Gosik (above, left) is one of the Marie Claire interns featured in the new reality show "Running in Heels." At left, shopping editor Zoe Glassner prepares for a photo shoot.

You tell the interns right away how important it is to keep quiet.

People thought that was terribly mean to say, but that's my best advice. One of the ways I believe you find your own voice is from learning from others. I'm someone who talks all the time, and I barely said a word for the first three years of my career. I was practically mute.

"Color is huge for spring — big, bright, amazing shades."

As the shopping editor, you're on top of every trend. What's big now?

Color is huge for spring — big, bright, amazing shades. But it's not something you need to spend a lot on. I'd suggest you buy a hot pink tank top or a bright blue clutch — just one piece here or there that you can mix into your wardrobe.

What else do you love right now?

There's a pleated, cropped pant that I think is so cool. It's puffier at the hips and thighs, and gets more narrow at the bottom. It sounds awful, but it's actually really flattering because it hides lots of flaws.

As a fashion editor, you must have a pretty unique personal style.

I always say, "Do as I say, not as I do." People might think I'm wearing things that are strange or different, but I'm not trying to make them dress like me. Everyone needs to find what works for them.

What inspires you at the moment?

Denise Huxtable is my style icon right now. She's so chic and amazing — she didn't get enough credit on "The Cosby Show." She was wearing Yohji Yamamoto during prime time, and no one really noticed it!

And now you're the one helping bring high fashion to TV.

The most horrifying part is seeing myself on-screen and thinking, "What am I wearing? And why didn't someone tell me my hair looked crazy that day?" BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

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Rollie Berry III, Christina Cleary

Rollie, 24, works as an engineer at the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Rockville. Christina, 25, is a director of research at RHI Executive Search in D.C. They live in Rockville.

- **The Main Event:** A June 13 ceremony on the campus of their alma mater in Pennsylvania. They will host a reception at a historic mansion.
- **How They Met:** "I attempted to kick him out of my Halloween party because he called it lame!" Christina recalls. "Rollie was dressed up as a pirate. A

couple of months later, he asked me out. I didn't realize he was the same guy until I saw his Facebook page. His profile picture was him as Jack Sparrow!"

■ **First Impressions:** "Who is this guy drinking my beers and calling my party lame?" "Who's party is this? It's lame, but she's cute."

■ **When She Knew:** Christina says she knew the summer after they started dating. "I missed him. My mom started yanking my chain for pining. So, I told her, 'That's the guy I'm going to marry!'"

■ **Making It Unique:** Their flowers and invitations will have a cherry blossom theme, a shout-out to D.C.

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** Christina's family is very Irish. "We're talking brogues, curly hair, fair skin," she says. "There is bound to be Irish Ceili dancing. Luckily, Rollie's been introduced to our quirky dancing."

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An Icy Night Melts Heart

KAMILLAH PHILLIPS, 28, was admittedly through with dating. But when her friend dragged her to a seminar on personal transformation right around Valentine's Day 2008, her luck changed. That was the night she met PHILIP CONNOLLY, 33.

"As I walked into the room, I spotted her across the room," Philip says. "I was in awe, while completely forgetting about my date." Although the pair barely chatted, Philip snagged her number from her friend. He called two weeks later.

"Normally, after two weeks, I'd have been apprehensive about talking to a man who had my number for so long," Kamillah says. But to her surprise, the two clicked. And when Philip invited her out for an evening of ice-skating, she was sold. "After our first date, I knew Phil was the one," she says. "As soon as we got on the ice, Phil took my hand, and I haven't let go ever since."

The pair will marry Nov. 1 in Jamaica. The bride plans to walk down the aisle to Aaron Neville's "All My Life," the same song Phillip used to propose. JOSEPH RENDEIRO



Rebecca Booker, William Mellema Jr.

Rebecca, 29, is a marketing officer at the Grameen Foundation. William, 31, is a senior engineer at Morningstar Corp. The couple live in Silver Spring.

■ **The Main Event:** The couple will marry July 18 in an informal ceremony at a vineyard in Purcellville, Va.

■ **How They Met:** At a friend's house in Adams Morgan one night after the bars had closed.

■ **First Date:** "We agreed to meet after work at Red Tomato in Bethesda. I almost bailed to go to another happy hour but decided to keep the date," Rebecca recalls. "It was raining. I later found out he was mortified by my umbrella—it had cartoon characters on it. I was mortified because his car was really dirty!"

■ **When It Hit:** "When he tried to teach

"He was mortified by my umbrella. I was mortified because his car was really dirty."

me how to drive stick[-shift car]," say Rebecca. "I am pretty sure I destroyed his car, but he never said a word about it."

■ **How He Proposed:** Rebecca guessed William was planning to propose. "One day," she says, "he casually suggests that we drop our dog off at his parents' house, borrow his dad's Miata for a trip up to Skyline Drive and go on a hike. You know, for no apparent reason." Rebecca responded by getting dressed up. "I thought, 'I don't want to be proposed to in sweatpants!'" They went. He asked. And she said yes, of course.

Ingrid Campbell, Christopher White

Both Ingrid, 42, and Christopher, 42, work as network engineers for the government. They live in Washington.

■ **The Main Event:** The couple will marry Sept. 27 at Fort Belvoir, overlooking the Potomac River. The bride plans to carry white lilies and blue hydrangeas as she walks down the aisle to "Ribbon in the Sky."

■ **How They Met:** After connecting online, they (finally) met on April 27, 2007,

for drinks at H2O on the waterfront.

■ **First Date:** Ingrid remembers they hit the cineplex. "We went to see 'Vacancy' on May 1, 2007, in Alexandria. Chris loves scary movies, and I thought it would be nice to change the pace."

■ **How He Proposed:** Chris popped the question Dec. 6, 2008 — Ingrid's birthday. They had gathered with family and friends to mark the occasion at



Busboys & Poets. Chris read a poem he had written for the occasion. Once Chris finished, Ingrid recalls, "he took out this note that he leaves in his Bible. I read it

when we first met—it's about what type of woman he wants to be his wife." Chris read it aloud and then reached into his pocket and pulled out a box with an emerald-cut topaz (Ingrid's birthstone) ring. "He then asked me."

■ **When He Knew:** "When she still wanted to go out with me even though I was smelly from playing basketball."

■ **Their Song:** "Buddy" by Musiq Soulchild. "That's the song we both liked when we first met," Ingrid says.

■ **Her Dress:** A mermaid-cut gown.

■ **Mmmm, Cake:** Three layers filled with strawberries and whipped cream.

■ **Honeymoon:** Venice, Italy.



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